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Housing Commission Board fires director after performance review

Golnick resigns from Housing Board in wake of dismissal

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Housing Commission fired Director Sandy Brody after an audit revealed low performance in many areas of her administrative duties and questionable expenditures.

A Special Meeting was held on July 6 by the Crawford County Housing Board of Commissioners to meet with Brody and discuss at least 13 issues and concerns brought out by the audit.

The Housing Board, who oversees the administration of housing issues

and grants, consists of Robert Golnick, Mary Harland, Ruth O'Mara, John Alef and the latest appointee, Kevin Hunter.

Brody was provided with a list of the issues in a letter from the Housing Board dated June 30. In that letter the Housing Board stated,

"You will be given every opportunity to respond to all the issues and concerns. In the interest of fairness, we have provided you a list of those issues so that you may be better prepared for the meeting."

The list includes:

1) Failure to provide all grant cor-

respondence to the Crawford County Housing Commission. This includes both MSHDA and HPG correspondence.

2) Failure to maintain current files which comply with MSHDA guidelines.

3) Failure to keep financial data reconciled, after complete reconciliation has been performed by County Auditors.

4) Failure to grow program portfolio during tenure so that the administrative costs are justified.

5) Failure to comply with grant reporting requirements in a timely fashion. This pertains to MSHDA and HPG.

6) Misappropriation of County funds or property: for example coffee service for office, paid for with Housing Commission funds. (County record show that "Halloween Stuff" was also paid for out of Housing funds.)

7) Failure to keep current income guidelines as requested by MSHDA.

8) Failure to keep current with new and innovative assistance options.

9) Failure to resolve MSHDA findings in a timely manner.

10) Loss in excess of \$600,000 of potential grant money to Crawford County.

11) Current grant contains 13 separate issues to be resolved before any funds will be allocated.

After discussion of the issues with Brody brought unsatisfactory results, Harland asked the Director for her resignation. Brody declined.

Harland then moved to dismiss Brody from her duties, with a second from Hunter with the stipulation she be provided with two weeks pay. The Board agreed by a vote of 4-1 with Golnick the dissenting vote. He also gave his resignation to the Board and was unavailable for comment.

Hunter later commented that he "walked into a hornet's nest" after taking his place on the Housing Board. "Sandy is a personal friend of mine. But, sometimes you have to put friendships aside and deal with issues on a professional level. This was very difficult. We are dealing with somebody's livelihood, but

**"I walked into a
hornet's nest."**

Kevin Hunter, Housing Board

we are also dealing with taxpayers' money."

Brody had also been asked by the Board to address the issue of questionable phone calls on the Commission's phone bill. Many were made after regular business hours and on weekends, amounting to what county-contracted auditor Marvin Henderson said was in the "hundreds of dollars." Brody did not respond to the issue in writing as the Board requested.

The Board was in agreement that if the calls were not made by Brody

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TAKING A COOL BREAK - Shown are six of about 20 boys who participated in the first annual George Griffith Memorial Youth Conservation School. The boys were taking a few minutes to enjoy the cool waters of the AuSable River. Story on 12A.

State Reps, Road Commission discuss North Higgins Lake Drive

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

State Representatives Rick Johnson (102nd District) and Ken Bradstreet (105th District) met with representatives of the Road Commission for Crawford County on Friday, July 9, to discuss a potential reconstruction project on North Higgins Lake Drive.

The legislators were presented with a funding strategy for the proposed North Higgins re-working, as well as a few different site plan alternatives for the project. One of the major goals of the reconstruction is to make the road safer.

The Road Commission

approached the two state representatives for help with North Higgins Drive after Representative Johnson expressed an interest in fixing the road. The Road Commission has applied for safety funds to fix up the drive, but the effort was not successful.

The 3.78 mile portion of North Higgins to be re-worked has been divided into three segments for the purpose of seeking different possible funding sources for each part, said Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock.

The three segments are as follows:

1. (0.47 miles) from Oak Road west to the newer pavement (the "S"

curve section); 2. (2 miles) between Oak Road and South Grayling Road (the hill section); 3. between South Grayling Road and the I-75 Business Loop (1.31 miles).

For segments one and two the Road Commission is looking at trying for TEA-21 (federal) safety funds, in addition to TEA-21 Public Access Funds, which are allocated to projects that "improve access to Michigan's State Parks." Public Access Funds may also be sought for section three.

Another funding-related obstacle involved with the project is the issue of right-of-way purchase from the Department of Natural Resources

(DNR).

For segment one the Road Commission must purchase land from the DNR in order to re-align its curves, making the roadway straighter.

Land purchase from the DNR has been an issue in other Road Commission construction projects being planned as well, including the North Down resurfacing.

Babcock asked Representatives Bradstreet and Johnson if they could look into getting the DNR's land-purchase policy changed to prevent the hindering of road commission projects by time delays and higher project costs.

The purchasing of the land takes quite a bit of time since the land is

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Grayling Police Chief to retire after 27 years

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Last week City Manager Jerry Morford received official notice from Grayling Police Chief Pete Stephan regarding his intentions to retire from the department.

In Morford's Manager's Report on June 14, he informed the City Council of Stephan's tentative plan for retirement on July 16, but didn't receive a confirmation (in writing) until last Wednesday.

Stephan, who has served as Grayling City Police Chief for nearly 27 years, will work his last day at the Grayling Department on Friday,

July 16. He began his stint as Grayling City Police Chief on October 1, 1972.

In accordance with his duties as City Manager, Morford will be responsible for appointing the next chief. The city will start accepting applications after July 16, Morford said.

"This will be kind of interesting for me," said Morford. "The last time we hired a police chief was when I hired Pete in 1972."

Karl Schreiner, the "most senior patrolman" at the department, will act as chief until a replacement for Stephan is chosen, Morford said.

Corrections officer arraigned on larceny charges

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Former Crawford County Corrections Officer David Bendig was arraigned in 83rd District Court on July 9 on larceny charges.

According to court records, Bendig stood mute before Judge John Hunter at his arraignment, and a not guilty plea was entered by the court. The court appointed attorney Christopher Johnson to defend Bendig.

The charges were brought about when Dale E. Sturdivant, a prisoner moved from the Crawford County Jail to Kalkaska, claimed money was missing from his personal effects, upon his arrival in Kalkaska in mid-May.

Sturdivant had been picked up by Crawford County officials on an outstanding warrant issued by Kalkaska County.

According to Undersheriff Kirk Wakefield, an extensive investiga-

tion by Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely "led us to Bendig and he confessed to taking \$200" of Sturdivant's money. Wakefield stated Sturdivant claims \$300 was taken, "but, it's one man's word against another, and the prisoner was intoxicated at the time of arrest."

"These are unfortunate circumstances," said Wakefield. "Officer Bendig has been going through some tough personal times, and now this."

"It's been a bad year," said Lovely. Another corrections officer in Lovely's department was fired earlier this year on charges of having an inappropriate relationship with a female inmate. Bendig, an eight-year veteran of the force, has also been dismissed since his confession.

"When complaints are filed against this department," said Wakefield, "we don't just ignore

them. Most lead to dead ends, but it is our responsibility to follow up on those complaints."

Bendig is scheduled to appear in court on July 16 at 9 a.m. for a pre-trial hearing. He is charged by the State of Michigan with one count of committing the offense of larceny by stealing \$300 cash and faces one year imprisonment and a \$900 fine - three times the value of the property taken.

"We want the citizens of this county to know that we don't mess around," Wakefield said. "We investigate and we handle it, no matter how sorry we are to see someone go."

Sheriff Lovely has already hired a replacement for Bendig. Grayling resident Travis Roberts, a Grayling Township Volunteer Firefighter and former employee of North Flight Ambulance, was hired as the new corrections officer. Roberts' duty begins July 19.



AIRPLANE OF MERCY - The first trailer load of clothing for Kosovo refugees is readied for loading into a Michigan Air National Guard C-130 cargo plane after a recent clothing drive in Roscommon. Contributions also came in from Crawford County and the U.P. Story on 10A.

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4-H asks County to support new youth campaign

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Nancy Persing, 4-H Program Associate for Crawford County, recently presented to the Board of Commissioners the results of a youth survey conducted by the Search Institute, and asked for their support of a new campaign dubbed, "Givem 40 - 24.7."

Persing, along with 4-H Office Manager Gaye Pizzi, traveled to Traverse City to attend the "Rally Around Youth Conference" on May 20, where they received the results of the survey.

Kids in public school grades seven, nine and 11, were asked to state how many of 40 different "assets," or building blocks, they have in their lives. Over 500,000 students filled out the survey in Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, Antrim and Kalkaska Counties. Persing told the board that Crawford County is similar in many ways to Kalkaska and the other counties who participated and added that she feels similar results would be found here if the survey had been promoted.

There were 20 "External Assets" and 20 "Internal Assets" presented in the survey, each falling under one of the following categories: Support, Empowerment, Boundaries & Expectations,

Constructive Use of Time, Commitment to Learning, Positive Values, Social Competencies, Positive Identity.

"The results of the survey that I find rather disturbing are the questions concerning how our young people feel they are valued by their community," Persing said. "At the conference we found that most kids feel that adults don't value youth or perceive them as being useful."

Speaking from her own experience, Persing stated that her daughter has put in 196 community service hours over the past year, yet she doesn't feel valued by adults in the community.

Overall, the kids surveyed said they had only 18.5 assets out of 40. Girls fared better than boys by almost four assets and those in seventh grade felt they had the most assets in their favor. Eleventh graders felt they had the least.

Asset totals were higher for those kids not involved with alcohol, tobacco and drug use. Those with higher amounts of assets also were less likely to engage in sexual activity, anti-social behavior, violence, gambling or to have problems in school. They also suffered less depression and suicidal thoughts.

The survey also names what they refer to as "Thriving Indicators." Those with the highest assets are



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24.7**

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more likely to succeed in school, help others, value diversity in others, maintain good health, exhibit leadership, resist dangerous situations, save money, and don't give up when the going gets tough.

"The numbers are powerful," said Persing, "and we in Crawford County could use this as a guide on how we guide our youth. The survey provides concrete things we can work on."

The Board agreed to support the "Givem 40 - 24.7" campaign and discussed the possibility of recog-

nizing youth accomplishments and contributions to the betterment of the County with a ceremony somewhere along the lines of the Board of Education Recognition Night held annually.

Persing said that currently she knows of no special recognition for youth volunteerism in the County, however she informed the Board of the new President's Student Service Award designed to recognize youth, ages five to 25, involved in community service. Persing said her office would like to recognize youth volunteers using this program.

One very interesting fact Persing said she brought home from the conference was this: "At least four times a day, the average youth looks at an adult, only to have the adult look away. This leaves them feeling rejected. We as adults need to smile at them instead of looking away. It could make a big difference in their day and in their lives."

More than 100 sets of the survey results have been mailed throughout the county to all sorts of concerns, including service organizations and churches. Persing encourages anyone who is interested in helping with an asset-building initiative in the community, would like to get a copy of the survey results, or know of a deserving young volunteer, to contact her at 344-3264.

Grayling Township Hall to see expansion

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Grayling Township has been advertising for the past few weeks, inviting contractors to pre-qualify as bidders on a project that would add 1,040 square feet to the existing Township Hall.

The hall recently received additional parking to accommodate the increased amount of visitors.

"The addition will make things a lot more pleasant for voters," said Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright. "The building becomes very crowded on election days. This

project will help alleviate that problem."

The project will add the proposed square footage onto the existing meeting room. Currently, the meeting room can accommodate only about 20 visitors comfortably and voting is taking place in the offices of township employees, and can be a disruption to the daily function at the hall. The lack of ample seating has been evident on many occasions when the Township Board of Trustees has a full agenda or a hot issue is to be discussed, leaving some standing out in the hallway

during meetings.

Also included in the project is "reconfiguration of the existing building" to allow the creation of a new main entrance.

Bidders, contractors, or their representatives had until July 7 to schedule an appointment with the Township and those who "successfully pre-qualified" received construction documents on that date.

Bids are due July 22 at 2 p.m., at which time the low bidder will be announced and will accept it only after the completion of a pre-construction conference with the bidder.

Contractors finish up '99 sidewalk program

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Workers from Hunt Brothers Poured Walls Inc. of Tawas put the finishing touches on the city's new sidewalks last week, concluding this year's City Sidewalk Program.

"I think we did pretty well to get it done this soon," said City Manager Jerry Morford.

The goal had been to complete the sidewalk construction before the AuSable River Canoe Marathon and Festival, which was accomplished (with a couple weeks to spare).

Morford praised the work of Hunt Bros., stating, "They did an excellent job. I've been very pleased with

Hunt Bros. We've done two or three projects with them in the past, and they're as good a contractor I've had in as many years as I've been here. I've worked with about 25, 26 contractors, and I'd say they're one

of the top two or three."

The last phases of the sidewalk construction included filling in areas around the newly-constructed sidewalks and cleaning up, which the contractors finished last week.

Police say don't park on the sidewalk

The City of Grayling has now completed the sidewalk project which was begun earlier this summer.

The Grayling Police Department would like to remind residents that parking on a sidewalk is prohibited by the Michigan Vehicle Code (section 257.674[a]).

Parking on a sidewalk subjects the

owner of the vehicle to the possibility of a ticket and the removal of the vehicle. Residents are being asked to cooperate and not block the sidewalk.

Questions about parking may be directed to the Grayling Police Department at 348-4621 during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

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Mercy and Holy Cross announce consolidation

The Holy Cross Health System Corporation of South Bend, Indiana and Mercy Health Services of Farmington Hills recently announced that they have signed a letter of intent to consolidate their health systems.

Both organizations are not-for-profit, Catholic health systems with facilities in multiple states. Mercy Health Services owns Mercy Health Services North, which includes Grayling Mercy Hospital and Cadillac Mercy Hospital.

The two health systems have engaged in a collaborative process to create a new health system designed to strengthen Catholic healthcare. Combined, the new system would:

- be the third largest Catholic health system in the United States

- have revenues of \$4.0 billion
- employ more than 50,000 people
- work with nearly 10,000 physicians

- operate 52 hospitals, 302 clinics, 39 long-term care facilities, 30 home health offices and 13 hospice programs in seven states.

The vision of a new health system is supported by the two current sponsoring congregations, the Sisters of the Holy Cross and the Sisters of Mercy Regional Community of Detroit, and will build upon the legacy of both religious institutes for delivering quality, cost-effective community health services with a special focus on the poor and underserved, organization representatives said. Combined, the new health system's charity care and community benefit is nearly \$200

million.

Signing the letter of intent initiates the next phase of the process during which decisions will be made regarding organizational design, selection of executive leadership, a new name and identity, and the location of the primary corporate office. Work groups will be appointed to address these and other areas, with a tentative timeline to complete a "memorandum of understanding" for approval by January, 2000, and a definitive agreement with an anticipated effective date in the first quarter of 2000.

"The focus of the consolidation is to build on the strengths and traditions of both health systems in order to ensure a strong Catholic health ministry. The New Covenant process initiated by the Catholic

Health Association, Consolidated Catholic Health Care, and others continues to provide the impetus for congregations and their health systems to collaborate to preserve and strengthen Catholic healthcare into the future," said Sister Patricia Vandenberg, CSC, president and CEO of Holy Cross Health System Corporation.

According to Judith Pelham, president and CEO of Mercy Health Services, "Our shared commitment to this process reflects the beliefs of both our systems that securing the future of the Catholic health ministry in the next century is dependent on our willingness and ability to collaborate effectively with others who share our mission and commitment to the delivery of high-quality, cost-effective health services."

Marathon week provides plenty of activity

There is plenty to do around Grayling while waiting for the start of the 52nd International AuSable Canoe Marathon at 9 p.m., July 24. Here are just a few things to keep marathon-goers and other visitors busy in the days and hours before the big race.

On Tuesday, July 20 visit the Commission on Aging (COA) on Lawndale Street. At 6 p.m., the COA invites everyone of all ages to join them in their annual *Ice Cream Social and Dance*. Cost is \$1 for cake and ice cream, and a donation for the dance. A raffle will also be held, proceeds going to COA activities for area senior citizens. For more information, call Jan Farley at 348-7123.

On Wednesday, July 21 *Music on the Banks* will be presented on the AuSable River behind Ray's Canoe

Livery. The Encore Winds 65-piece band, and possibly the Encore Voices singing group, will perform beginning at 7:30 p.m. This free concert is brought to you by Citizens Bank and Chemical Bank North, in conjunction with the CASD Continuing Education and Cultural Events Series. For more information, call R.J. Hannan at 348-7641, ext. 123.

On Thursday, July 22, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., Citizens Bank will once again hold their *Coffee Break* under the big tent on the lawn of the bank. Free coffee and donuts will be served courtesy of Citizens Bank.

On Thursday and Friday, July 22-23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Crawford County Library on James Street, will be the site of the annual *River Festival Book Sale*. A variety of hardcover, paperback and newer

releases will be available at low prices. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For more information, call Mary Kay Hinkle at 348-9214.

On Friday and Saturday, July 23-24, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Ice House Quilt Sitters Group is sponsoring a *Quilt Show* at the Ice House

Quilt Shop on Norway Street, across from Goodale's Bakery. All quilts are northern Michigan-made and the event is free to the public. For more information, call the Ice House at 348-4821.

And, don't forget, the Crawford County Fair runs from July 21-24 at the fairgrounds on Old US-27.

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appraised first, and then sold at "fair market value," which further disrupts projects due to increased costs, Babcock said. Processing fees alone range from \$300 to \$500, he said.

"That's probably our toughest segment because we have to purchase land from the DNR," said Babcock. "It's time consuming, and the land in the Higgins Lake area is quite expensive."

The preliminary estimate for the proposed work on North Higgins Drive is \$705,000, if the work is done next year. The price would go up if the project is delayed.

Babcock said the figure of \$705,000 is an estimate of the project's cost by adding the three individual costs of the segments. If the 3.78 miles of road was done all at once, the project would cost "at least \$50,000 less" than that, said Babcock, due mainly to "contractor mobilization."

Representatives Bradstreet and Johnson said the prepared information, including the proposed site plans, would be helpful in pursuing the matter.

"We're committed to seeing if those funding sources are available, and if not, what are," said Bradstreet. "We'll work on the land swap issue."

Representative Bradstreet's district includes Crawford County and

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Continued from Page 1A she should have at least investigated the situation. Brody was unreachable for comment by *The Avalanche* after attempts were made to locate a home phone number.

Former Housing Inspector Jerry Balmes remarked that some of those calls may have been his, however he had requested that Brody deduct those calls from his accumulated mileage allowance and was confident that she had done so.

"There were three people who had a key to that office - Sandy, myself and the cleaning people," Balmes said. "I have a phone at home, in my private office, and in my car. I never had a need to go back to that office, after hours, to make a call."

The issue of lost grant money is being addressed with the help from County Controller Paul Compo and Kathy Whitford of the Northeast Michigan Community Services Agency (NEMCSA). Whitford is working on obtaining an HPG extension (Housing Preservation Grant from USDA Rural Development) and reinstatement of grant funds from MSHDA (Michigan State Housing Development Authority). Compo said he has written a letter to HPG

explaining the County's predicament and said he is hopeful that the County will not miss out on funding for housing improvement and replacement.

The HPG grant is worth about \$55,000 and the MSHDA grant is worth \$150,000 to the Housing Commission.

"It has been six years without drawing on the MSHDA funds," Compo said. "Kathy is working hard to get the County reinstated."

County Chair Lynnette Corlew sat in on the Special Meeting. She said, "The lack of progress over five years was more than the agency could handle for them to survive." She also said the Housing Commission has one year of budget and time to bring the agency into compliance and to keep it viable.

The Housing Commission is now advertising for a new Director. Deadline to apply with the Commission is July 23.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Candice Miller is looking around

HOW TIME flies when you're having fun.

It seems only yesterday that Candice Miller became Michigan secretary of state, and she's already looking around for what she's going to do with the rest of her life.

Darn term limits again.

Time was when being secretary of state was practically a lifetime sentence. No more. Now it's 12 years and out.

Ms. Miller dumped the last lifetime occupant of that office by rousting long-serving Democrat Dick Austin in the 1990 election, and she's been re-elected twice. It's time to find a new job before the 2002 election rolls around.

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A LOGICAL jump would be to governor, where Gov. John Engler also is term limited in 2002. But it looks like Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumous got there first, and already may be governor at election time if certain

things fall into place.

That means if Texas Gov. George Bush becomes president in 2000, and Mr. Engler goes with him to Washington, perhaps for a cabinet post, White House job, or some other high level appointment -- or maybe even as vice president. Stranger things have happened.

The U.S. senate seat open in 2000 also is out of reach for Ms. Miller. Republican incumbent Sen. Spencer Abraham faces a fight to the death against U.S. Rep. Debbie Stabenow, who is well-heeled and resourceful and a heck of a campaigner.

Anyway, poor Candice Miller needs a place to land, or else it's back to the private sector, which is considered a fate worse than death by many politicians once they've tasted the sweet fruits of public office.

So why not Congress? Why not indeed.

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BACK HOME in Macomb County, U.S.

Rep. David Bonior is completing his 24th year in Congress, after a couple of terms in the Michigan Legislature.

He's a survivor.

As party whip, he's also the second-ranking Democrat in the U.S. House, ranking behind only Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri, who opted out of a race for president hoping Democrats can take back the House and he can be speaker -- and second in line for the presidency.

Mr. Bonior is also hated by doctrinaire Republicans, who have fielded some superior candidates against Mr. Bonior over the years -- and some no-so-distinguished ones, too -- and Mr. Bonior has dispatched them all.

Republicans can't seem to figure out why his liberal voting record and political activism can be endorsed every two years by Macomb voters, who at the same time also support Ronald Reagan, John Engler ... and

Candice Miller.

So, how about a poll? And so it was.

* * *

A SPRING SAMPLE of 300 registered voters in the 10th Congressional District encouraged the GOP.

It showed Mr. Bonior with 98 percent name recognition and Ms. Miller 97 percent. Name recognition is the bedrock of any individual political success.

It also showed 75 percent of voters viewed Ms. Miller favorably, with only 6 percent unfavorable; Mr. Bonior enjoyed 54 percent favorable rating, but a whopping 34 percent unfavorable.

Pitted head to head, the April poll had Ms. Miller defeating Mr. Bonior 46 percent to 36 percent.

That set of figures -- accompanied with sweet talk by Republican leaders both in Michigan and Washington -- has drawn Candice Miller to the brink of a second chal-

lenge to David Bonior.

Back in 1986, freshly into her political career as a township supervisor, Ms. Miller challenged for Congress, but lost to Mr. Bonior by a 66-34 percent margin.

But that was then, and this is now.

Both Ms. Miller and Mr. Bonior, each in her/his own way, have fashioned distinguished public careers. Both are canny politicians, and dogged campaigners.

If they go at it again, it will be a thunderous campaign, and the results could have national impact.

If Mr. Bonior should prevail for the 13th time, Ms. Miller still has two years left on her final term as secretary of state ... and a window of opportunity to look around for somewhere else to land.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Spay or neuter to show you care

To the editor,

From the comments and reactions of the people in this community, I have thought that you are pleased with the fact that the animals who come to our shelter are not kept for five or seven days and killed. We no longer kill animals weekly. Sometimes we don't even kill them monthly. This means we must care for many more animals and we also become very attached.

I have preached about spaying and neutering your pets. Hundreds of you have been helped to have your pets sterilized. If you have spoken to me about breeding your pet you probably got an offer to help kill unwanted puppies, kittens, dogs and cats. You always refuse.

My problem is that those of you who fail to spay or neuter your pets seem to think it is my responsibility to care for them. Some of you have even gone so far as to call others to try to force me to take your pets when I have told you there is no room. I refuse to kill animals to make room for your mistakes.

So you dump them in the woods or alongside the road. I doubt you even worry about what might happen to them. Six months later there's another litter.

Those of you who own the unaltered males who are running around are as guilty as the ones owning the females. There is no need for your females to even come in heat. Veterinarians are now spaying and neutering pets four months old and younger.

Most of you are able to spay or neuter your pets -- you are just unwilling and it is not a priority. For those who can't afford the procedure, there are some groups who can help if you meet certain guidelines.

We must learn to be more responsible. If you are thinking about getting a pet, remember you are making a commitment for the next 14 years. If you are only thinking about the moment, think again. They will cost you money, just as children do. They are a responsibility.

Spaying and neutering is a sound investment in your pets future. The food one litter of puppies will eat would nearly pay for the surgery. Your pet will have better health with less chance of cancer and other ailments and you will also benefit. Raising a litter of healthy puppies is a lot of work.

I would love to live long enough to see the day when only enough animals come into the shelter to allow people to still get pets. We have done a wonderful job so far. The shelter has gone from killing 30 animals a week to killing 30 every couple of months. It is still too many. Only you can make the difference.

Make spaying or neutering your pet a priority, call and make the appointment today. If you are against it or unwilling, come and help kill the unwanted animals someday. Perhaps you'll change your mind.

All of your babies got homes at Glen's Market or you gave them away? Recently, I got the last two puppies from a litter. The rest were all given to good homes, mom came to the shelter, too (we kept two puppies). There were eight in the litter. Mom couldn't go to Leader Dog and no one wanted her -- she's dead. One pup got a home, the other was euthanized. One "stray" came from M-72, obviously a litter mate. Two "strays" came from Frederic -- litter mates, again. One got a home, two are dead. I know where another pup is, it did get a good home. Unless the two puppies you kept were some of the strays, that accounts for the whole family. Five of the nine are dead, not very good odds.

People at Glen's are not there to get puppies and kittens. They usually end up at the shelter within a few days. If you really don't care who you give them to, the animal collectors love to see you there passing them out to anyone who wants one.

If you choose to be a pet owner, be a responsible pet owner or don't be one at all. Please spay or neuter your pets.

Dixie Lobsinger, Director
Animal Shelter of
Crawford County

Why is Cornell Field forgotten?

To the editor,

Over the years, the Crawford-AuSable School system has grown tremendously. Many of those still in Grayling today remember during the 1950's all classes were held in what is now the Grayling Middle School. In the early 1960's, the elementary school was built. Then, in 1972, a millage was passed to create the current high school.

Part of the school system's expansion over the years has included the development of the athletic complexes as well. While nearly all of these were the result of a millage passage, one project remains a tribute to the hard work of community volunteers -- the high school baseball field.

Although it is difficult to see today, the baseball field was one of the finest in the north when it was first constructed in 1972.

While the high school was still being constructed in the spring of that year, the Crawford-AuSable School Board gave approval to build a new baseball field for the new facility.

Prior to this, the Viking baseball team had spent a number of years playing only away games, after the

current Mercy Hospital had been built on the site of the old ball diamond. As a board member, I was given permission to head up the project which was named Cornell Field. The field was named after Coach Willard Cornell who brought baseball to Grayling.

The Grayling Sports Booster Club funded the materials for building the ball field and many of it's members participated in it's construction.

The project began with Stan Madsen cutting down all the pulp wood at the site. The late Charlie Gierke and myself then cleared the oaks and spent a night burning brush. Finally, Floyd Millikin pulled stumps and logs, moving them to state land across the road.

The second phase of the project involved creating a sprinkler system for the field. Ken Montique, along with Dick Auman, Ken Chapp and I, drilled the well and set up the sprinkler system.

Next, sod was brought in on pallets. Numerous volunteers showed up to help lay sod. Among the workers were Dr. Vernon Blaha, Ed Rutkowski, David Hanson, Mick McNamara, then high school principal Charles Batway,

athletic coaches and other teachers, the I.S.U. of the Michigan National Guard, and many townspeople.

The following week, the infield dust was laid. Shortly thereafter, Delbert Case laid the cement work for the dugouts.

By playoff time, the field was ready for play. Playoffs were held in Grayling for the first time in several years. Afterward, visitors made comments to board members about how it was one of the finest fields they had seen in northern Michigan.

Sadly, today, this community project seems to have been forgotten. Not only have people forgotten how community volunteers created the field, but also maintenance of Cornell Field appears to have been forgotten.

While the tax dollar supported football field gleams with green grass, the hidden baseball field has become withered with weeds. It seems sad to me that community spirit seems to count for so little today, while coins collected from taxpayers are so neatly polished.

James M. Kolka
Grayling

Grayling shows its caring side Citizen suggests recall of Board of Education

To the editor,

Late in the evening of Friday, June 25, we arrived in Grayling to spend the weekend at our Vassar Fishing Club. Unfortunately, earlier that afternoon, our special needs daughter had broken her foot.

After treatment at a hospital and purchasing a walker, we were assured it was o.k. to proceed to Grayling. It became apparent later that we also needed a wheelchair.

Through the kindness and understanding of Debbie Mahaney of a local drug store, we were able to rent the store wheelchair until Sunday. This is not something that is usually done, as the chair was for store use

only. Debbie came through for us when she didn't have to.

Joe, an employee of another Grayling business, rented us a wheelchair for our trip home.

We think your community is very fortunate to have such caring and dedicated people serving the needs of all residents, including tourists and part-time residents. It was through their consideration and service that we were able to remain in Grayling for the weekend.

We will continue to look forward to returning throughout the years to the Grayling area.

Jim, Norma, and Angie Skower
Vassar

Fireworks almost injure child

To the editor,

To the person who likes to throw their fireworks in a parking lot full of children and vehicles:

You don't realize how close your fireworks came to my three year old son's head. It missed by just inches as it came to rest underneath two vehicles which we were sitting between.

You didn't stop to think of the

major damage or trouble you could be in. You could have really injured people. You traumatized my son.

If you have any brains left in your head you would apologize like a real person. As they say what goes around comes around. And next year - stay home if you want to act like an idiot.

Jennifer Turner
Grayling

To the editor,

Crawford County voters: I appreciate all of you who voted in the recent election on the school bond. A 20 percent turnout was great, but could be even greater if we all used our right to vote, as the results affect all of us.

Now, I want to comment on the Board meeting that I attended on June 29 with two other people. We showed the Board in the election that we didn't seem to want all of this wasteful spending. You would think that after three defeats that the board and Mr. Kent Reynolds would listen to the people of Crawford County. But, all I saw at this meeting was the same arrogance that I have seen at the four previous meetings.

One citizen asked who was going to pay for all the improvements that they now plan and Mr. Reynolds' answer was "the taxpayers." This statement is like saying anytime we want something, the taxpayers will automatically pay for it.

It seems to me that they want the

voters to make concessions, but they won't make any, such as cutting programs or salaries. All they know is they want their way regardless of what the voter wants.

We have already spent thousands of dollars on these bond issues and Mr. Reynolds asked if we wanted to spend another \$8,500 of the taxpayers' money to hire an independent firm to survey if we really need the bond issue. We don't need to keep spending the taxpayers' money on nothing.

I urge all of you to attend these meetings and see for yourselves what is going on. The Board does not want to use State figures, they want to use their own.

I believe that the entire Board should be recalled. Their opinions are all the same. They are all "yes" people.

I will continue to monitor these meetings, along with other Crawford County residents.

Norman Seaver
Grayling

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BRIEFS

Retired school employees to meet

Come and join your fellow school employees at the July 27 meeting of the Roscommon Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (RARSP). Registration will be from 9:30 to 10 a.m. at the Gerrish Township Hall at 2997 E. Higgins Lake Drive (County Road 100), about five miles south of Roscommon. There will be a business meeting at 10 a.m., followed by a demonstration on emergency first aid. A potluck luncheon is planned -- bring one dish to pass. Paid reservations of \$3 to cover ham, beverage, etc. are due by July 20 to Lois Tedhams, 12708 West Shore Drive, Houghton Lake, MI 48629.

Banks sponsor Music on the Banks

Encore Winds will be presenting an outdoor concert on Wednesday, July 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Ray's Canoe Livery. The event, entitled "Music on the Banks," is free to the public. Chairs will be provided. In case of rain, the concert will be held at Grayling High School.

Farm Park offers youth Day Camp

On Wednesday afternoons starting on July 21, Wellington Farm Park is offering a Day Camp for young people between the ages of seven and 10. Camp activities will run from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be a snack time mid-way through the afternoon. Cost for the program is \$3 per child, per day. Activities will vary day to day, and will include nature-oriented activities, learning history, and doing craft projects. For more information call (888) 653-3276.

Transplant support group to meet

On Saturday, July 24, at 1 p.m. the Transplant Support group of Northern Michigan will host guest speakers Gary W. Bimberg and Joseph E. Houle, both of whom are attorneys from Southfield. The two will be discussing disability issues. The meeting will be held at Otsego Memorial Hospital in the classroom. Pre-registration is not required. For more information call the Otsego Memorial Health Education Department at (517) 731-2193.

Kirtland Garden Club to host tour

On Monday, July 19, the Kirtland Garden Club will host its fourth annual membership garden tour. Participants will meet in the parking lot of the Gerrish Township Hall (on County Road 100) at 8:45 a.m. A listing of the homes on the tour and their locations will be distributed at that time. Gardens will be open for visitors from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Singles to meet at Houghton Lake

Singles of the area will meet at the Holiday on the Lake at Houghton Lake on Thursday, July 22, at 6 p.m. For more information call Betty at (517) 821-8529.

Kiwanis announce winners of drawing

Winners of the Kiwanis Club drawing held Monday, July 5 were Walt Neilson - \$25; Warren Hatfield - \$50; Tim Hunt - \$75; Paul Hamlin - \$100; and Jan Annis - \$250.

Ministerial Ass'n members to speak

Members of the Ministerial Association will be guest speakers for the Kiwanis Club of Grayling at their noon meeting at Shoppenagon's Inn, Monday, July 19.

GRA offers playground program

Grayling Recreation Authority is offering the Summer Playground Program again at Hanson Hills.

The 1999 program begins July 19 and will run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until August 6.

Fees are as follows: one child - \$3/hour, \$20/day or \$80/week; two children - \$4/hour, \$28/day or \$130/week; three children - \$5/hour, \$38/day or \$180/week.

The Summer Playground program provides a break for the summer blues often experienced by children with serious (and not so serious) cases of backyard bore-

dom, said Jessica McClain, program coordinator.

The program includes one or two field trips per week and, at times, special guests visit the playground. Each day children are broken into appropriate age groups and follow a schedule that includes choices of entertaining activities.

Children in Kindergarten through age 12 are eligible for the program. Lunches are not provided.

For more information or to sign up for the program, call (517) 348-9266 or stop by Hanson Hills to pick up a registration form.

Shelter in need of repair



Photo by Cheryll Ruley

UP ON THE ROOF - When the flashing on the roof at the Crawford County Animal Shelter started flapping in the breeze, Mark Ruley came to the rescue and made the repairs. Although volunteers are always needed to help with the many homeless animals, the shelter is also in need of those who are handy with a screwdriver, hammer, or saw. Call 348-4117 to volunteer.

Animal shelter looking for photos to include in fund raiser calendar

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Always looking to find another innovative way to raise funds for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, Director Dixie Lobsinger is hopeful that an idea she has been mulling over for some time will come to fruition. But, she will need the community's help to do it.

Lobsinger said she is looking for those who have adopted pets from the shelter to come forward with a favorite photo of their pet to be considered for publication in a fund raising calendar for as early as the year 2000.

"The most fun will be going through all the photos," Lobsinger said. "So, many people have adopted pets from us and are happy, dotting pet owners. We'd like to share their stories as well as raise money for operating costs. The donations have been way down over the past

couple of years."

Anyone wishing to submit a photo of their pet for the calendar may send it to: Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 869, Grayling, MI 49738.

Those wishing to have their photo returned should include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with the photo.

Please include information about your pet, including adoption date, special talents or tricks, favorite "human" food, tales of heroism or funny stories. And, don't forget your name or, more ideally, include yourself in the picture with your pet.

For more information about the calendar, adopting a pet or making a donation of time or money, call Lobsinger at 348-4117.

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THURS 15	•TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) @ Mercy Hospital Riverside Room, 5 pm. For more information call Joanne 348-4116. •MINIMAL FEE BLOOD PRESSURE & BLOOD SUGAR SCREENINGS @ Commission on Aging, 11 am to 12 noon. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ Grayling City Hall, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
FRI 16	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.
SAT 17	•OPEN HOUSE! Dennis Wallace - Frederic Fire Dept. 12:00 to 5:00 p.m., public invited. Picnic lunch is provided, silent auction, yard sale of old fire equipment, ladders, fire boots, hoses, etc. 3:00 p.m. is the presenting of the new fire truck to the community.
SUN 18	•GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON 19	•KIWANIS CLUB meeting @ Shoppenagon's Inn, 12 noon. •AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS meeting @ COA office, 1:30 pm. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon & 8 pm. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mercy Hospital Private Dining Room. Reflection: Laurie Figley.
TUES 20	•GPA MEETING @ Shoppenagon's, 12 noon. •AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION dinner meeting @ 5:30 pm. Call Cathy @ 348-8076 for more info. •AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON meeting @ Mini-Mall race office, 7 pm. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information. •GRAYLING AL-ANON MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 8 p.m.. Call Thelma H. 344-2043 for info.
WED 21	•ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. •COA BOARD MEETING @ Senior Citizen Center, 308 Lawndale, 5:30 pm. •GRAYLING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING @ St. Mary's Catholic Church, 12 noon. Call John W. 348-1776 or Marsh S. 348-1307 for more information.

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• **Mass Care** will be offered Monday, July 19, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Red Cross office, 810 S. Otsego Avenue.

• **Family Service** will be offered Tuesday, July 20 and Thursday, July 21, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Red Cross office, 810 S. Otsego Avenue.

For more information on these classes, or other volunteer opportunities, call (517) 732-7161 or 1-800-691-6059 to register.

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Child Discipline

The following is a news release from Oklahoma City on May 27, 1999: "Oklahoma state legislators, in the wake of the Columbine High School killings in Colorado, voted Wednesday to remind parents they may spank, paddle or whip their wayward children. A bill reminding parents they have the right to use corporal punishment passed the Oklahoma House by a vote of 96-4 after the Senate approved it 36-9 Tuesday.

"The legislation will insert a line into the state's child-abuse statutes reminding parents that state law gives them the right to use 'ordinary force,' including spanking, paddling or whipping with a switch, to discipline children.

"The bill's author, Democratic Sen. Frank Shurden of Henryetta, said he had decided to clarify the statute after two students armed with guns and bombs killed 13 people and themselves at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado.

"That's what got me spurred," Shurden said. "I feel like the lack of discipline has led to what we are into now, total chaos and disrespect. 'Back when I grew up, we got our tails whipped at school, then got it again

when we got home. We didn't have showings," he said.

"Shurden said the wording already appeared in another section of state law that also gave teachers the right to paddle but was unknown to many child-abuse investigators or state welfare workers. Shurden said many children threatened their parents with child-abuse charges to get out of what he described as perfectly reasonable whippings."

Praise God that the government of Oklahoma learned from experience that God's ways of raising children are still best. (Proverbs 29:15-17) "The rod and reproof give wisdom; but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame. {16} When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth; but the righteous shall see their fall. {17} Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul." (Proverbs 17:25) "A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him." (Proverbs 22:15) "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." (Proverbs 19:18) "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying."

There is a positive side to raising children God's way. (Proverbs 22:6) "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Colossians 3:21) "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." (Ephesians 6:4) "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Proverbs 1:8-9) "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother; {9} For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck." Raising children to obey God's word helps build character, civility and honor into their hearts and lives. May the people of Michigan follow suit.

Pastor "B"

Please pray for the ministry of this column and our church Websites at <http://freeway.net/~cba/> and at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ranch/1263/>

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Dr. Diane Lange

Diane Lange recently graduated from Michigan State University with a Ph.D. in music education. She has accepted a music education position at the University of Texas at Arlington. Her duties will include teaching music methods to both music majors and classroom teachers, along with supervising students.

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Romain and Day engaged



Tammy Romain and Brent Day

Tammy Romain and Brent Day, both of Grayling, would like to announce their engagement.

Wedding plans are set for Saturday, August 7. An intimate ceremony will be held, followed by an extended family reception at

the Camp Grayling Officers Club. Tammy is the daughter of Don and Sue Romain of Grayling. Brent is the son of Beverly Day of Greenville, MI.

The happy couple plans to reside in Crawford County.

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When we worship with our children while they are small and teach them about their God, He will be with them when we cannot...if they are "rooted and grounded in Love."



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Joshua 1:1-9	Judges 13:1-25	Isaiah 43:1-13	Isaiah 48:1-11	Isaiah 48:12-22	Isaiah 49:1-13	Isaiah 49:14-26

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Rev. V. Schaap
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Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship..... 11 am
Evening Service..... 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:30 pm

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Robert W. Nailey, J.V., Pastor
700-708 Peninsular - 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist
Saturday Vigil Mass..... 6 pm
Sunday Masses..... 8:00 am
Family Mass..... 10:00 am
Scripture Study (Sundays)..... 9:15 am
Daily Masses
Wednesday & Fridays..... 8:30 am
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Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship..... 11 am
Evening Worship..... 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study..... 7 pm
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Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Morning Worship..... 10:30 am
Evening Worship..... 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday..... 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.)..... 7 pm

Church of Christ
Larry Turner, Minister
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Sunday Classes..... 10:30 am
Sunday Worship..... 11:15 am
Sunday Evening..... 6 pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study..... 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
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Sunday School..... 9 am
Sunday Service..... 10 am

The Church of Christ
with the Eliza Message
Pastor Dohn E. Weaver
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday Worship..... 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service..... 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
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Sunday Worship..... 11 am & 6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening..... 7 pm

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Evening Service..... 6 pm
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Worship Service..... 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday..... 7 pm

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Wednesday Prayer Meeting..... 7-8 pm

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Morning Praise..... 10:30 am
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Sunday Morning Worship..... 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship..... 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7 pm

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Frederic Hobby Club – helping others for 45 years

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The Frederic Hobby Club has been meeting since January, 1954. At that time, the little service club met in the home of Merna Newberry near Frederic. Newberry was the first president of the club, and she is the current president.

Although club members work on hobbies, their main focus is helping others. They strive to help make life a little more pleasant for senior citizens, elementary school students and weary travelers.

Club members help teach senior citizens new hobbies, provide gifts for the residents of Timberview Village, make and deliver fruit plates to the homes of senior citizens.

Each May, to honors mothers, the

club hosts a Mother-Daughter Banquet. The latest included four generations of one family.

The Frederic Hobby Club makes various gifts for Frederic Elementary school students to brighten their Halloween and Christmas seasons.

Club members also host a Coffee Care Break at the Frederic rest stop off of I-75 on Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends. On these big holiday weekends they provide coffee, iced tea, orange juice from MacDonald's, donut holes and cookies for travelers.

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at their clubhouse on West County Road 612. If you are interested in joining, please call Merna Newberry at (517)348-8365.



Photo by Susan Warrington

REFRESHMENTS ANYONE? – Seated (left to right) Annie Berger, Peggy Robinson, Kaye Welch, and Merna Newberry (standing), helped provide a bright spot for weary travelers over the July 4 weekend.

Habitat's next fund raiser rings a 'Bell'

On Thursday, July 15, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Grayling Taco Bell restaurant will be teaming up with Habitat for Humanity to raise money for housing needs in Crawford County.

Taco Bell has agreed to donate a portion of the proceeds from that day's sale of food items to the Crawford County Habitat for Humanity. All money raised will stay in the community to help local families purchase a home of their own.

Millard Fuller founded Habitat for Humanity in 1976. Headquartered in Americus, Georgia, the organization has provided simple, decent housing for over 100,000 people. Habitat houses are built with tax-deductible donations using skilled labor and volunteers. The new homeowners make regular monthly mortgage payments and contribute hundreds of hours of "sweat equity."

Habitat will also hold a raffle for a canoe to be given away on Saturday, July 24. The money raised from both events will be used to build the fifth Habitat home in Crawford County.

Free books available

Kathy Mobarak, of the Beaver Creek Community Reading Program, will be distributing free books July 18 and July 25, from her garage on Seven Mile Road.

She just received 28 cases of new books covering a wide variety of topics, from children's books to mysteries. This is the seventh year reading program can provide free books for area residents.

Mobarak said she is very pleased with program funding support. She said she feels this program has helped many people.

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Thursday - 6:30 pm
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Mall discussed as part of master plan

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Approximately 30 residents of Beaver Creek Township attended the public meeting to discuss the new master plan and land use within the Township.

Supervisor Lee Riley stressed that the Township Board is interested in seeing growth, but also would like to maintain the rural setting of Beaver Creek.

Karl Freed of Gove Associates Inc., gave a brief overview of the plan. Among the topics he covered were the existing and projected land use plans. There has been no land use plan and consequently there is a lack of organization regarding the development of land within the township. Currently about 1 percent of the township is industrial and less than one-half of one percent is commercial.

The new plan calls for an organized use of the land with 2.4 percent planned for industry and 2.1 percent planned for commercial or retail enterprises. Most of this land is located between Four Mile and Five Mile Roads near I-75 with water and sewer planned for the area. A 1.5 million gallon water tank might be placed on Skyline Hill and the water provided would make a loop through the industrial and proposed mall and commercial areas.

Jerry DeWitt took the floor to

discuss the status of the mall project and said getting the master plan helped them overcome a major hurdle. He and Ron Fraser are involved in negotiations with the State to trade land for the development between Four and Five Mile Roads east of I-75. DeWitt said that the negotiations are moving along.

DeWitt and Fraser are working with some major mall developers and hope to have an upscale development within one or two years. He said he feels that the mall will provide excellent employment opportunities and services for the area within a 30 mile radius.

Frederic plans Open House and fire truck dedication

by Cheryllyn Kuley
Staff Writer

The Frederic Township Volunteer Fire Department will be holding an Open House on Saturday, July 17, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. to celebrate the delivery of a new pumper truck.

A hot dog and hamburger picnic lunch will be provided by the fire department in the Frederic Township Park and members will also bring salads and other side dishes to share.

Frederic Fire Chief Dennis Wallace said he would like to see a "big turn out" by the community for the picnic and to see the new

truck.

Part of the day's activities include a yard sale and silent auction of old fire equipment such as ladders, fire boots, and hoses.

At 3 p.m., the new fire truck will be dedicated to a very special individual. Wallace said he hopes Frederic citizens will be supportive and show up for the dedication.

The truck arrived in late May and the department has been training to use the truck properly and is now ready to put it into service.

For more information on the Open House or dedication, call Wallace at 348-8190.

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- Scheer Motors for sponsoring the Hole-In-One prizes
- Mercy Hospital Auxiliary volunteers and Mercy Hospital employees who worked to make the event possible.

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Men's Low Net:	1. Mark Kniss & Eli Mathis (66) 2. Ken Eldridge & Mike Lesco (66) 3. Sevidor & Howard McColley (67)
Women's Low Gross:	Ginger LaForge & Laura Smith (79)
Women's Low Net:	1. Camilla DeWitt & Barb Gaylor (67) 2. Lynn McConnell & Joan Waterman (69) 3. Mary Jo Schrank & Debbie Simons (69)
Couple's Low Gross:	William & Diane Heinz (72)
Couple's Low Net:	1. Jerry & Chris Goticic (70) 2. Larry & Carol Gust (71) 3. Jay Zimec & Theresa Stachnik (71)
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CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS



Patty Clark, Storyteller and Musician

"Australia and the Creation of Stars" will be presented by Patty Clark at the Crawford County Library Thursday, July 22 at 11 a.m.

Patty is a musician, storyteller, singer, songwriter, mom, grandmother and teacher with a B.A. in Family Life Education and author. Ms. Clark has performed for libraries, schools, churches, festivals and has been on TV and radio.

Patty uses a literary approach to compare stories and believes in a multisensory approach to including the mind, body and heart to improve speaking, listening, reading and writing skills by opening doors of creative thinking with children of all ages.

Patty has also written *Good Morning Goodnight* which is in book and tape format and will be available for purchase.

For more information call 348-9214.

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For more information, call 348-9214.

The Crawford County Library is open Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Phone is 348-9214. www.grayling-mi.com/library.htm

The Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday 10 a.m.-12 noon, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday 12 noon-3 p.m. Phone is 348-9215.

The Frederic Community Library is open Monday-Tuesday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday 1 p.m.-6 p.m. Phone is 348-4067.

Card of Thanks


The family of Betty (Pratt) Sajdak would like to thank all the staff of Mercy Hospital and Mercy Manor and VitalCare for their outstanding care of Betty and her family.

We would like to thank all the friends and family, who were there in our time of need, and for all the wonderful cards we received. Our thanks go out to Rosie Owens, Sorenson Funeral Home and Father Nalley. Also to the ladies from Frederic for their luncheon donation, all the helpers at the luncheon, and Patti Sajdak and staff and family for their caring and giving.

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OBITUARIES

Matthew James Webber, II

Gary Lee Webber

Matthew James Webber, II and Gary Lee Webber, newborn twins of Matthew and Tammy Webber of Grayling, died Friday, July 9, 1999 at Otsego Memorial Hospital.

Matthew and Gary were born on July 9, 1999.

Matthew and Gary are survived by: their parents Matthew and Tammy Webber of Grayling; one sister, Leigha; grandparents Richard Webber of Johannesburg, Yvonne (Bill) Bacon of Hillman, Nelson Muma of Durand; Great-grandfather Max Osborne of Tawas; Great-grandmother Ilean (Gene) Lurvey of Arizona; lots of loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 12 from the Nelson Funeral Home, Pastor Arthur Rhoades, officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Johannesburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Matthew and Gary Webber Memorial Fund through the Nelson Funeral Home, 135 N. Center, Gaylord, MI 49735.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from July 5 through July 12:

One assault; one burglary; four larceny; one vehicle theft; one fraud; four property damage; one controlled substance; one family/child; one weapons; 11 public peace; one OUIL/OUID; one citations; seven health and safety (six of which were animal control); five miscellaneous crimes; one minors; 16 accidents; one non-traffic accidents; one civil traffic; two traffic safety; one boating accident; one accident other; one vehicle inspection; one property inspection; two civil/family trouble; five suspicious situations; five lost/found property; one missing person; 21 general non-criminal.

A total of 99 complaints were handled by the sheriff's department during the one-week period.

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Join Adventure Ranger Jackie Kelly at South Higgins Lake State Park for any of the following nature-oriented Michigan State Parks Adventure Programs:

Thursday, July 15: **Incredible Insects:** Learn all about insects. Starts at 4 p.m., meet at Ridge Trail across from the campground office.

Nature Hike: Come explore Ridge Trail. Starts at 7 p.m., meet at the Ridge Trail across from the campground office.

Friday, July 16: **Sensory Hike:** Look at nature through a different perspective. Starts at 4 p.m., meet at

Marl Lake. **Fern Hike:** Learn about the different ferns in the park. Starts at 7 p.m., meet at Marl Lake.

Saturday, July 17: **Beaks are Neat:** Learn about birds, beaks, feet, and feathers. Starts at 4 p.m., meet at Marl Lake. **Wetland Wonders:** Come explore the wetland at Marl Lake. Starts at 7 p.m., meet at Marl Lake.

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Sentencing for June, 1999

Honorable Dennis Murphy:

Edward Grant Patton of Oscoda - Assault/Battery - Ordered to pay \$580 fines/costs and/or 58 days in jail

Nikolas Hammock of Grayling - Assault/Battery - Sentenced to 60 days in jail, ordered to pay \$250 fines/costs and/or 30 days in jail.

Honorable Patricia A. Morse

Jonathon Lyle Haskel of Grayling - Minor in Possession Alcohol - Ordered to pay \$354 in fines/costs.

Honorable John G. Hunter:

Jeffrey Scott Gauthier of Flint - License Suspended/Revoked - Ordered to pay \$510 fines/costs and/or 60 days in jail.

William Edwin Wallace of Waterford - OUIL/per se - Second Offense - Ordered to pay \$1150 fines/costs and/or 60 days in jail.

John Joseph Ryan of Roscommon - License Suspended/Revoked - Second Offense - Sentenced to 60 days in jail with credit for 48 days, placed on 183 days probation, ordered to pay \$405 fines/costs and/or 30 days in jail.

Jeffrey Lee Wolfersberger of Springfield - License Suspended/Revoked - Ordered to pay \$160 fines/costs and/or 14 days in jail.

Rosemary LaVerne Reynolds of Grayling - Assault/Battery - Sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit given for 30 days, placed on 366 days probation, ordered to pay \$700 fines/costs and/or 60 days in jail.

David Richard Gauntlett of Pinckney - Impaired Driving - Ordered to pay \$680 fines/costs and/or 60 days in jail.

Bradley Robert Prause of Grayling - OUIL/per se, Second Offense - Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit given for 173 days, placed on probation for 366 days, ordered to pay \$900 fines/costs and/or 90 days in jail.

Carl George Prince of Grayling - Altered/Unlawful use-Operators License - Sentenced to 30 days in prison to be added to his sentence.

Bonnie Lee Hess of Roscommon -

Attempted Assault and Battery - Ordered to pay \$219.50 fines/costs and/or 21 days in jail.

Gary Lee Zundel of Kalkaska - Operate Under the Influence of Liquor - Ordered to pay \$1,150 fines/costs and/or 100 days in jail.

Dorothy Christine Patterson of Roscommon - Operate Under the Influence of Liquor - Sentenced to 4 days in jail with credit for 1 day, placed on 366 days probation, ordered to pay \$950 fines/costs and/or 60 days in jail.

Alfred Frank Kalkan of Grayling - Impaired Driving - Ordered to pay \$680 fines/costs and/or 60 days in jail.

Curtis Dale Landon of Harrisville - Impaired Driving - Ordered to pay \$700 fines/costs and/or 60 days in jail.

Amanda Kay Prince of Grayling - Impaired Driving - Ordered to pay \$830 fines/costs and/or 60 days in jail.

Tina Marie Kevitch of Williamsburg - Impaired Driving - Ordered to pay \$700 fines/costs and/or 60 days in jail.

Madeline Potter of Grayling - Attempted Larceny Less Than \$200 - Ordered to pay \$745 fines/costs and/or 14 days in jail.

James Allen Skornicka of Lake - Controlled Substance Possession of Marijuana - Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for 65 days, placed on 731 days probation, ordered to pay \$535 fines/costs and/or 180 days in jail.

Samuel Eugene Ziemba of Sterling Heights - Impaired Driving - Ordered to pay \$580 fines/costs and/or 58 days in jail.

William Jacob Armstrong of Grayling - Impaired Driving - Ordered to pay \$530 fines/costs and/or 45 days in jail.

Nicole Suzanne Harmer of Grayling - Impaired Driving - Ordered to pay \$630 fines/costs and/or 60 days in jail.

Trevor Thomas Jones of Roscommon - License Suspended/Revoked - Placed on 183 days probation, ordered to pay \$330 fines/costs and/or 30 days in jail.

Kernstock and Harris wed



Mr. and Mrs. Brent Kernstock

Mr. and Mrs. Don Kernstock would like to announce the marriage of their son, Brent to Jennifer Harris, daughter of Ed Harris and Cheryl Crane.

The wedding service was officiated by Reverend Paul Boerger at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church of Grayling, on Saturday, May 29 at 4:00 p.m.

HONORS

Northern Michigan University

Kristie Cadeau, who attends Northern Michigan University in Marquette, has been honored in the National Dean's List 1998-1999. One-half of one percent of the nation's college students receive this honor.

Cadeau is the daughter of Charles and Sherri Cadeau of Grayling.

Alma College

Sarah Amman of Grayling has been named to the Alma College Dean's List for outstanding academic performance during the 1999 Winter Term.

Michigan State University

The following students from Grayling were named to the Dean's List at MSU:

Denise K. Malkowski
Jennifer L. Pahssen
Carrie Wells

Michigan State University

The following Grayling students earned degrees at the spring commencement in East Lansing.

Mandee S. Mleck, Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies.

Kathryn A. Smock, Bachelor of

Arts in Advertising.

Lake Superior State University

Julie Ann Gingerick of Grayling received a B.A. in History during commencement ceremonies in May at LSSU.

She is a 1994 graduate of Grayling High School.

She plans to attend Central Michigan University to earn a teaching certificate.

Gingerick is the daughter of Mary Jo and Louie Gingerick of Grayling.

Ferris State University

The following Grayling students earned degrees at the spring commencement held in Big Rapids.

Amy M. Furst, Bachelor of Science in English Education, Highest Distinction.

Sarah E. Furst, Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology

Students graduating with honors are recognized for high academic achievement on the basis of grade point averages computed on a 4.0 scale. Highest Distinction graduates have earned a grade point average between 3.75 and 4.0.

HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 10, which covers a ten county area.

Question: Now that my school age children are old enough to go to the beach or pool with friends, are there any swimming rules we should discuss first?

Signed: Safe Summer Swimmer

Answer: Each year 1,200 children ages 14 and under drown, and 5,500 are hospitalized due to near drownings. These accidents cost our society \$48 billion annually.

Fortunately, the rate of drownings has been lowered in recent years to three per 100,000 population. In the past the rate was 10.4 per 100,000.

The following recommendations are from the Trauma Center of Michigan's Childrens Hospital and the American Red Cross. It is a good idea to pass them along to your older children before they go swimming. Young children, of course, should always be closely supervised in or near the water by a responsible adult.

Tell your children to:

- Always swim with a buddy.
- Swim only in areas where a life-guard is on duty.
- Stay out of the water when they're very tired, very cold or overheated.
- Follow all swimming rules posted at the swimming area.
- Obey the lifeguard's instructions.
- If they can't see the bottom of the pool in the deep end or if the water is cloudy, don't swim there.
- Avoid swimming at night in unlighted areas.
- Do not chew gum or eat while swimming - they could choke.
- Do not push, shove or run near water.
- Get out of the water if they see lightning or hear thunder.
- Swim a safe distance away from diving boards and slides.
- Never swim near a boat ramp or dam.
- Avoid swimming in river currents.
- Never dive into unfamiliar or shallow water.
- It's also prudent to restrict swimming, like any other exercise, after a large meal.

The American Legion

of Camp Curnalia at Higgins Lake held its first "FIREWORKS ON THE LAKE"

on July 4th to the pleasure of thousands of viewers.

The American Legion would like to thank the following organizations for their cooperation in helping us make this event an overwhelming success:

Department of American Legion in Lansing
Department of Natural Resources
Board of Directors of Camp Curnalia
Lyon Township Board of Supervisors
Roscommon County Sheriff's Department and their Marine Patrol
Lyon Township EMS and Fire Department

We would also like to acknowledge the help of area businesses and friends in the community for their contributions, and the participation by devoted Camp Curnalia Legionnaires and their families of time, talent and money making this 4th of July program an event to remember!

We anticipate presenting this program again in the year 2000. If you are interested in contributing to this event, you can send a check to:

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Higgins Lake, Michigan 48627

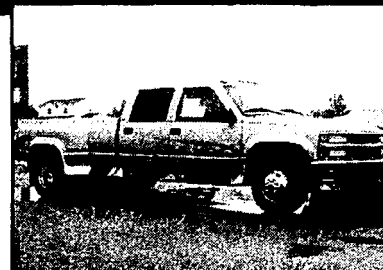
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Northern Michigan helps Kosovo refugees

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Mylene Klein, Karen Walper and Rosie Ingram, Roscommon area women just completed a clothing drive for the Kosovo refugees.

They decided they wanted to help the refugees in April and talked to Reverend Carl Heidel of Messiah Lutheran Church in Roscommon who coordinated the efforts throughout Roscommon County. The message was spread through area churches and donations also came in from Crawford County, and the eastern Upper Peninsula.

Lists of specific clothing items were distributed and the people of Roscommon responded well. Not only was a great deal of used clothing donated, the organizers found many new items with the price tags still on them.

The clothing drive was finished by Memorial Day weekend and the next week was spent sorting it all out. Many items were not on the requested list and had to be removed from the clothing destined for Kosovo. These clothes were given to needy people in the local area.

The threesome found when they were finished, there were 11,886 pounds of clothing to be sent to Kosovo. The next step was to get the clothing to Minneapolis where it will be sent to Kosovo under the auspices of the Lutheran World Relief Fund.

The women talked about trucking it there, but Klein contacted the Michigan Air National Guard and they agreed to fly the clothing to Minnesota in a C-130 cargo plane.

On Thursday morning, July 8, the C-130 landed at the airfield in Grayling.

Major Tom Perry asked the employees of the facilities engineering division of Camp Grayling to help load the clothing onto the airplane. These guardsmen are responsible for maintenance of the grounds and equipment on the post. It took the volunteers about an hour to fill the cargo plane.

The plane flew to Minneapolis where Reverend Heidel met it and supervised the unloading and storage of the clothing. Along with clothing from other drives, the clothes will be shipped to New York and then onto Kosovo.



THUMBS UP - (Above) Ingram, Walper and Klein, in the fully loaded airplane, are showing how they feel about the community support they've witnessed in this clothing drive.

FILL 'ER UP - (Right) Many volunteers made loading of the airplane a quick and relatively easy job by forming a package passing line.



Photos by Susan Warrington



GOOD SAMARITANS - Karen Walper, Rosie Ingram and Mylene Klein, co-chairs of the recent clothing drive relax before loading the airplane.

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TUESDAY, JULY 20

10-5 p.m. Youth & Adult Registration

10-2 p.m. Business Display Set-up INSIDE

10-7 p.m. Business Display Setup OUTSIDE

4-7 p.m. *Pre-Registered Animals accepted at 4-H Animal Barn

7-9 p.m. Judging of all Exhibits

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

9-11 a.m. Animal Judging

12:00 Noon OPENING CEREMONY

12:00 KIDS DAY-18 & under Free Gate Admission

12-4 Pockets the Clown

1-4 p.m. Bingo

2:00 Bottle Rocket Launching

5-9 p.m. Car Smashing

6-9 p.m. Bingo Shoot

THURSDAY, JULY 22

9:00 a.m. Senior Crafts Set-up-Pavilion

12:00 p.m. FAIR OPENS-SENIOR DAY-Free gate admission

1-3 p.m. Senior Bingo

5-9 p.m. Bingo

5-9 p.m. Car Smashing

7:00 p.m. Little Miss/Miss-Teen/Pre-Teen Contest. Admission to be announced at a later date.

FRIDAY, JULY 23

12:00 p.m. FAIR OPENS

1-4 p.m. Bingo

5-9 p.m. Car Smashing

6-9 p.m. Bingo

7:00 p.m. Youth Yo-Yo Contest

7:00 p.m. Battle of The Bands-Pavilion

SATURDAY, JULY 24

9:00 a.m. KOC Horseshoe Tournament

Knights of Columbus challenges Grayling Eagles

Tom Trenary Memorial FAIR OPENS

12:00 p.m. Bingo

1-4 p.m. Bingo

5-9 p.m. Car Smashing

6-9 p.m. Bingo

SUNDAY, JULY 25

10-12 p.m. Exhibit Pick-up

*Animals must be pre-registered by July 14, 1999 at the 4-H MSU Extension Office

*Schedule Subject To Change without notice

*Some Events May Require an Entrance Fee




Camp Grayling to present Historic Artillery Match on Saturday, July 24

On Saturday, July 24, the Loomis' Battery of Michigan Light Artillery will present a Civil War Artillery and Mortar re-enactment at Camp Grayling's Range 8. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Historic Long Range Black Powder Artillery Match competition will feature rifled and smooth-bore artillery and mortars firing at distances up to 1,000 yards.

The public is invited to come out and watch this re-enactment of a

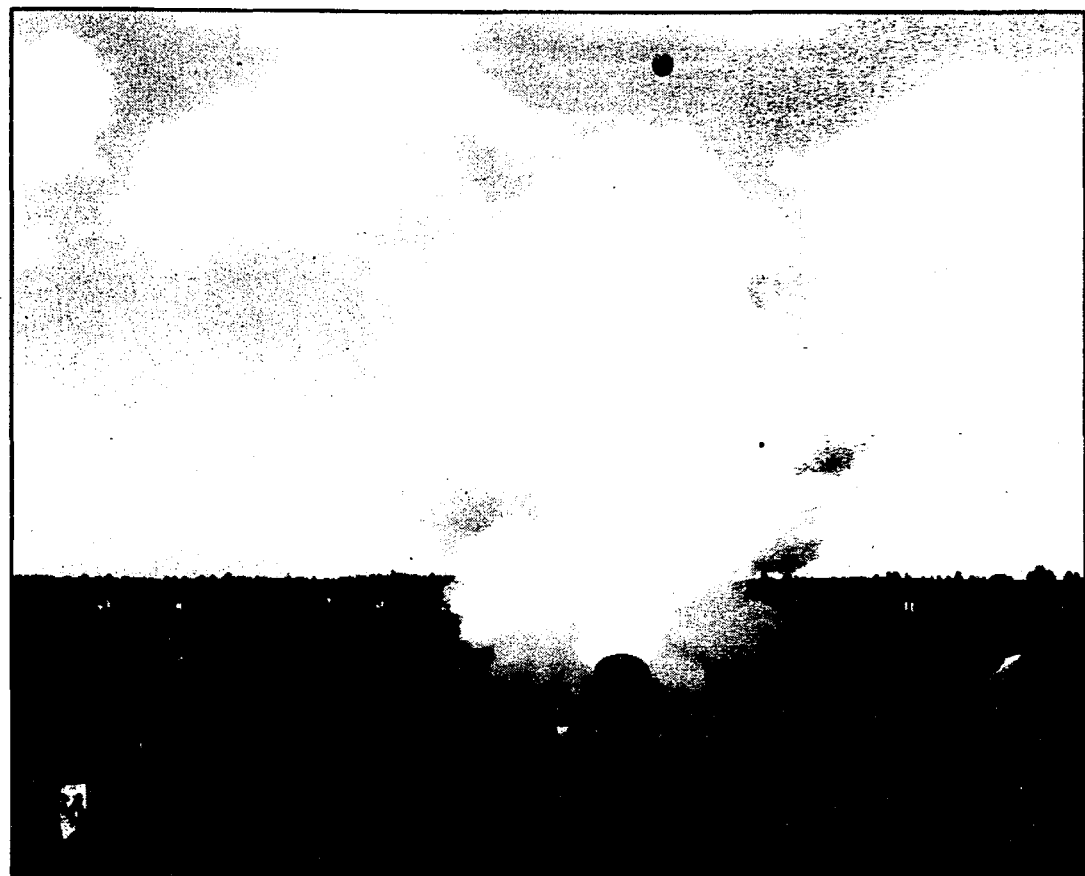
Civil War Artillery Match, admission is free.

Binoculars and ear protection are recommended. To get to Range 8, from M-72 west of Grayling, turn south on M-93 through the main gate at Camp Grayling following Howe Road (M-93 becomes Howe Road after main gate) through camp out to Range 8.

Competitors and often family members are dressed in Civil War era uniforms and clothes.

The Loomis' Battery of Michigan Light Artillery is a non-profit educational corporation dedicated to advancing knowledge of military history through use and display of historic arms and equipment.

Its mission is to perpetuate Michigan's Military Service in the Civil War and they are affiliated with the National Rifle Association and the North-South Skirmish Association.



MORTAR ROUND -- Artillery Match spectators will see Civil War era firepower such as this 8" mortar firing. Due to the size and low speed of this particular mortar, you can watch the mortar round travel down range to its target.

Congressman Camp returns \$90,000 in unused office funds

Rep. Dave Camp (R-Midland), serving Michigan's 4th Congressional District, returned more than \$90,000 of his 1998 congressional office funds to the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. Committee on House Administration has reported.

The amount brings Camp's total unspent office funds to more than \$815,000 since he first took office. The funds are part of the official allowance that congressional offices are allocated for expenses such as mail, office rent, travel and staff salaries.

In previous years, unspent congressional office funds were redirected to other congressional offices. But in 1995, Camp and other fiscal conservatives changed the law so the funds are returned to the Treasury.

"This is taxpayers' money, and using it wisely is my first priority," Camp said. "My amendment will

ensure the unspent funds are returned to the U.S. Treasury, and used to reduce any budget deficits or used to pay off the national debt."

This year, Camp was successful in taking the requirement a step further when the House recently debated the bill that funds congressional operations. Camp and Reps. Tim Roemer (D-IN) and Fred Upton (R-St. Joseph) offered an amendment requiring that future unspent office fund totals be printed in The Congressional Record, the official recording of Congress.

"This is an incentive for House members not to spend their entire office budget, because now the amount they save will be published," Camp said.

The exact total of Camp's unspent 1998 office funds was \$90,358.86, according to a letter the Committee on House Administration sent Camp.

Anglers beware - construction taking place below Foote Dam

Anglers will have to share the popular AuSable River fishing area below Consumers Energy's Foote Dam with construction workers this summer.

The workers are building a boardwalk that will provide disabled access to the Foote Tailwater Fishing Access, which is operated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). An overlook deck also will be added next to the parking lot to provide a view of the fishing activity and the scenic setting. The overlook also will offer disabled access.

The tailwater access site won't be closed during the construction, which began last week and is expected to run into late September. However, parts of the area may be closed for safety and anglers should take care to avoid the construction activity.

The boardwalk and the overlook designs feature a pipe-supported framework to minimize disturbance to the steep tailwater slope. A recycled composite material, TimberTech, will be used for the deck surface on both structures.

Consumers Energy and the MDNR's Oscoda Unit worked with M.C. Smith Architects, of Grand Rapids, to develop the design for the

RANGE FIRING

Camp Grayling Range Firing scheduled, during July 14 through July 20.

Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.).

Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Extensive military maneuvers, demolition and weapons firing.

Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Rd., east of Jones Lake Rd., south of County Rd. 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail.

In addition, the following road will be closed on July 14 through July 16 from 5 a.m. until 11 p.m.

a. Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Rd. to Bald Hill Truck Trail.

b. Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to North Down River Rd.

c. Stephan Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to North Down River Rd.

d. Wakeley Bridge Rd. from County Rd. 612 to North Down River Rd.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Rd., east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek.

Range 20 and 21, Demolition Ranges located south of Howe Rd., west of the Crawford County Line, north of Daniels Rd. and east of the gas pipeline.

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Trout enthusiasts host first Youth Conservation School

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

About 20 young men took advantage of the first George Griffith Memorial Youth Conservation School put on by the George Mason Chapter of Trout Unlimited at WaWaSum Lodge on the AuSable River during the last two weeks of June.

"I would've liked to have seen more high school kids take advantage of this school," said class instructor and Crawford County Environmental Monitor Pat Merrill. He is also an avid trout fisherman and youth advocate.

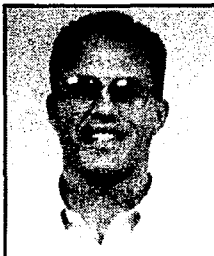
"We taught them how to fly fish,



I AM A FLY - As part of the Fishing Olympics portion of the school, some of the students had to dress up like fly fishing ties, and some specimens were quite interesting.



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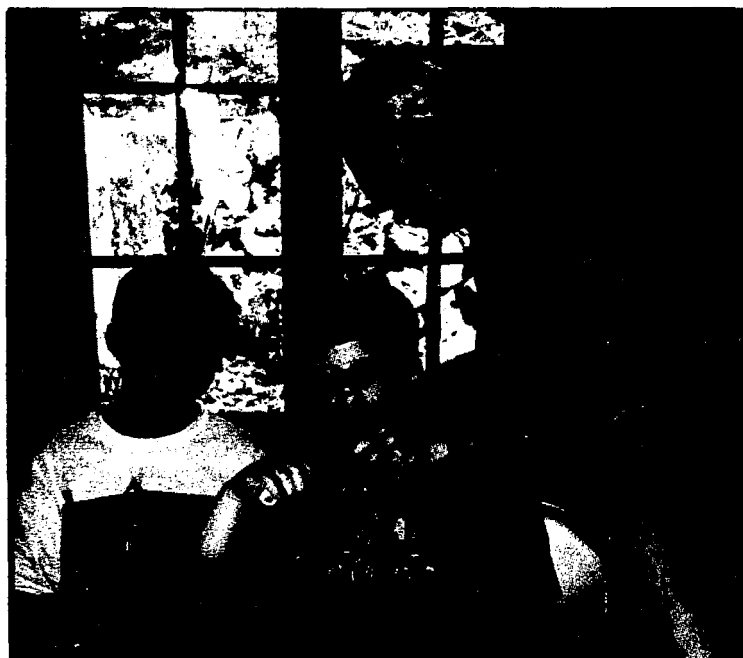
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STEADY NOW - Each student learned how to tie his own fly using materials such as yarn, fur and feathers. Here George Mason Chapter of Trout Unlimited member Bob Andrus shows students how to carefully wind the yarn around a wire, creating an alluring fly for catching bass.

school were Justin Robinson, Chris Secord, John Schneider, Danny Kostopolus, Nate Helsel, Brandon Burrick, Phillip Armstrong, Jason Fekete, Ryan Feutz, Eric Jurkovich, Andrew Czuba, Jeff Weaver, Nicholas Terry, Todd McCarver, Shawn Gabriel, Henry Cojocar, Ryan Harland, Andrew Voss and Robert Feutz.

The school was open to both boys and girls, from ages 11-17, and was to be split up by age group. "We had one girl sign up, and she only showed up for one day. I'd like to see both boys and girls participate in this program next year," said Merrill.

Besides Merrill, many outdoorsmen and other youth advocates shared their knowledge of the river and fly fishing, including Ron Rakoczy, Steve Sendek, Bob Andrus, Brian Benjamin, Gaye Pizzi, Nancy Persing, and Jim Powers.



I'D RATHER BE FISHING - This young fly fisherman said he likes fishing better than most anything else. Students at the Youth Conservation School learned the sport of fly fishing and its regulations.

For information on next year's Youth Conservation School, call Merrill at 344-3258 or the MSU-Extension office at 344-3264.

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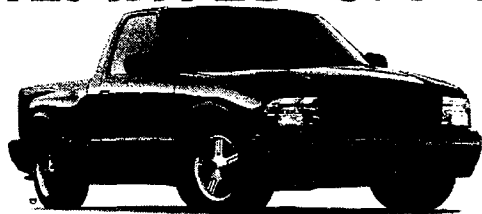
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tie flies and all aspects of river life," Merrill said.

During the two-week span, the youth spent a total of four and one-half days on the AuSable learning about entomology, or "bug life," using nets to catch them and discovered why the insect community is vital to the survival of the river and all of its inhabitants. They also learned the importance of stream restoration and environmental regulations.

"The boys also experienced a good dose of character and ethics education. We tried to create as well-rounded of a program as possible," said Merrill.

The Mason Chapter of Trout Unlimited, in conjunction with Michigan State University (on whose property WaWaSum Lodge sits) provided all the equipment and instruction for only \$14 per student. The boys also left with a T-shirt, cap, fishing license, and course certificate.

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Garden Walk displays work of local green thumbs



(above) One of the stops on the Grayling Garden Walk, which was held on Saturday, July 10, featured the garden of Jim and Mary Phelps. The Garden Walk was sponsored by the Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club and the Grayling Uptown District Association (GUDA). The event was modeled after GUDA's annual Christmas Home Tour.

(above) A Garden Walk participant takes a moment to watch the fish in the island garden pond of Larry and Cookie Ostrowski and Khristy Scheer. (left) Ken and Shelly Potter's "Work in Progress" garden featured over 100 varieties of flower. (below) Carl Hatfield enjoys a cup of tea and strolls through the "Un-Garden," which was created by Hatfield and his wife Rose.



(above) Flo Luckstead (left) and Bill Luckstead are greeted by Gail Prause of the Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club at the Mercy Manor garden. (right) Garden walkers also had the opportunity to check out Mercy's Healing Garden.

Garden Walk photos by Linda Golinick

Hoop-Fest to raise funds for the Crawford County Animal Shelter

Here's a way you can have fun, shoot a few hoops, maybe win a prize, and contribute toward building the new animal shelter in Crawford County.

It's Hoop-Fest!

Hoop-Fest, brought to the community by the Detroit Pistons, the Michigan Festivals & Events Foundation and the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, will award one lucky winner a Hoop-Fest party with the Detroit Pistons.

The party includes a Pistons weekend in Auburn Hills with lodging for four people for two nights, four tickets to a regular season Pistons game, dinner for four at the Palace Grille before the game, an autographed Pistons basketball, acknowledgement as the Hoop-Fest

grand prize winner during the pre-game presentation, a photo taken with Hooper (the Pistons mascot) and a scholarship to a Year 2000 Pistons Youth Basketball Camp.

And, because Grayling was one of the first ten communities to sign up for Hoop-Fest, tickets purchased for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County will be held separately so that one boy's name and one girl's name will be drawn from our tickets only to win additional Year 2000 Pistons Youth Camp Scholarships.

The drawings will be held on October 20 at 4 p.m. Ticket price is \$1 and all proceeds go to the Animal Shelter of Crawford County Project Fund.

Not everyone can win the grand prize, but on Saturday, July 24

(AuSable Canoe Marathon Day) everyone who enters the Hoop-Fest drawing is eligible to shoot a few hoops for prizes provided by local businesses, individuals and the Detroit Pistons.

Hoop-Fest will be located on Michigan Avenue near the main stoplight from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. You're invited to stop by, enter the drawing and take a few shots. Prizes will be awarded every hour by age groups.

Also, watch for Hooper, who will appear in the Milltown Festival parade on Saturday afternoon.

For more information about Hoop-Fest, call Ward Parker at Milltown Groomer (517) 348-4104 during normal work hours (except Thursdays and Sundays).

Canoe racers to compete for share of over \$50,000

■ More than 50,000 fans and 55 teams expected for 52nd AuSable Marathon

The greatest marathon canoe racer of all-time, Serge Corbin, and Michigan's best long-distance paddler, Jeff Kolka, will have targets on their backs as they go after a record fourth-consecutive championship in the 52nd Annual Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

Corbin, 42, of Shawinigan, Quebec, who has 12 Marathon victories, and Kolka, 40, of Grayling, a three-time winner, have taken the last three titles by large margins. Last year they won by 35 minutes and 27 seconds in the race from Grayling to Oscoda that starts Saturday, July 24, at 9 p.m., goes non-stop through the night and ends 14-18 hours later. Can anything stop them from becoming the first team to win four straight titles?

"Nothing's a sure bet in the Marathon," said Marge Martella, co-chairperson for the AuSable River International Canoe Marathon.

Marathon, Inc. "Even the best teams can put holes in their canoes from logs or rocks in the river, especially paddling through the night on the twisting upper stretch of the AuSable."

Four teams are given the best shot of knocking off the defending champions.

"Obviously, we know who the favorite team is," said Phil Weiler, board member for the AuSable River International Canoe Marathon, Inc.

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"A very interesting team will be Bill Torongo and Patrick Lynch. Patrick is considered Serge's closest

est rival at home (in Quebec) and Bill is considered Jeff's closest rival," said Weiler.

Lynch, 35, of Shawinigan, Quebec, took 2nd last year with Denis Marcoulier. He won the Marathon in 1995, the only time in the 1990s Corbin didn't win. Torongo, 37, of Roscommon, took 3rd last year with Al Rudquist. He has four 2nd place finishes at the Marathon, all with Kolka.

Weiler also said the teams of Bruce Barton/Steve Lajoie, the father/son Kolonich duo and Rick Joy/Jim Harwood will be in the top pack.

Barton, 42, of Homer, has three 2nd place finishes in the Marathon. Lajoie, 23, of Van Drevil, Quebec, took 2nd this year with Lynch in New York's General Clinton Canoe Regatta.

Kenneth Kolonich, 53, of Eaton Rapids, and Steven Kolonich, 27, of Lansing, are both Iron Paddlers, racers who have finished at least ten Marathons. They finished in 3rd place in 1997. Ken's dad was a Marathon champion and the Kolonich family holds the Marathon record for most top ten finishes by one family. (Continued on Page 2B)

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Joy, 40, of Silverwood, is ranked 5th among all-time Marathon paddlers and holds the record of 18 top-ten finishes. Harwood, 34, of Grayling, won the Marathon in 1995 with Lynch.

In addition to the top teams fighting for cash and prizes of \$50,000, many of the more than 50,000 fans will be cheering on Al Widing Sr., 74, of Mio. Widing, who started racing the Marathon in 1955, is looking to add to his long list of records. He has entered and finished more Marathons than anyone and finished as high as 2nd three times. Last year he finished in 17th place, beating out 37 other teams. Fans marvel at Widing as he beats paddlers a quarter his age. He will be racing with Robert Bradford, 56, of Lapeer, who has raced in nine previous Marathons and won the amateur division in 1986. Bradford set an age record in 1997 for fastest time by a 54-year-old.

In contrast to the veterans Widing and Bradford, 30 paddlers will be attempting to finish the Marathon for the first time. Included among the newcomers are Abby Kingman, 37, of Goshen, Massachusetts, and Lisa Salvini, 35, of Montgomery, Massachusetts--the only women's team in this year's race.

Four mixed teams will be racing for an extra cash prize of \$500.

Due to her experience, Lynne Witte has to be the favorite to win "just due to the mental preparation for the race, which she has down," said Weiler. "After competing at this race for 20 years, you could say it's her hometown track."

Witte, 45, of Mt. Clemens, will be racing with Charles Lannen, 49, of South Boardman, a first-time entrant. Witte, who holds the record for the best finish with a 4th place in 1988, will be paddling in her 20th Marathon.

Kathy Manizza and Joe Shaw "would have to be their biggest rivals," said Weiler. Manizza, 41,

of Mansfield, Connecticut, has competed in two previous Marathons. Shaw, 44, of Worthington, Massachusetts, is racing in his fourth.

Two other teams will compete for the mixed title: Carrie Montgomery, 29, of Oscoda/Tom Cannon, 43, of East Lansing and Brenda Carlson, 38, of Grayling/Ted Smutek, 31, of Luzerne.

Montgomery, who is racing in her tenth Marathon, holds the women's record time. Cannon, making his seventh start, finished as high as 5th in 1985. This will be Carlson's sixth race and Smutek's second.

Five amateur teams will be vying for the title.

Ivan Paladi, 54, of Deford--last year's winner--is looking to repeat with a new partner, Larry Treul, 51, of Gaylord.

They will be strongly contested by an experienced team. Frank Taber, 49, of Lowell, has competed in 13 previous Marathons, while partner Frank Bailey, 46, of Grand Rapids, has four under his belt.

Three young teams are also going for the title: Erich Podjaske, 17, Grayling/Dave Sabin, 20, Grayling; Colin Hunter, 18, Grayling/Brad Wilson, 17, Grayling; and Steve Anderson, 21, Grayling/Sean Casey, 21, Grayling.

The gun will sound for the '99 Marathon at 9 p.m. on the 24th, with its famous LeMans start from the Post Office to Ray's Canoe Livery. Over the course of the 120-mile race, paddlers maintain a rate of 60 to 90 paddle strokes a minute. During the eight hours of nighttime paddling, they often receive little assistance from moonlight in avoiding the river's natural obstacles. The darkness, any inclement weather, portaging six hydroelectric dams and the sheer torture of up to 19 hours of non-stop paddling will all combine to play on the contestants' physical and mental capa-



bilities.

The contestants will receive no outside assistance except food, drink, clothing and other necessities passed to them by their team of "bank runners" or "feeders" who meet them at locations along the race course. The function of these support teams is often compared to that of pit crews in auto racing and can be just as important to the outcome of the race.

The Weyerhaeuser AuSable Canoe Marathon is held in conjunction with Grayling's AuSable River Festival, which features a variety of events throughout the week before the race.

A field of 55 teams from 17 U.S. states and Canadian provinces have entered to compete in the 52nd anniversary Marathon. Many teams arrive in Grayling a week or more in advance to prepare for the Marathon and will compete this coming weekend in the Paddlers' Tribute Race, a "warm-up" to the Marathon.

The Paddlers' Tribute Race will start at Ray's Canoeing in Grayling at 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 18, and will end at McMasters Bridge, covering about 20 percent of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon course.

Ray's Canoeing is located on the I-75 Business Loop at the AuSable River Bridge in Grayling and McMasters Bridge is 16 miles east of Grayling, approximately four miles north of M-72 on McMasters Bridge Road.

Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon competitive action kicks off with the Sprints for Position Thursday and Friday afternoon, July 22-23. The sprints are

much like "Indy 500" qualifying: Each team paddles a short looped course. Their lap time determines their starting row position for the LeMans-style run to the river on Saturday. The sprints are staged on the

AuSable at Penrod's Resort, located at the Maple Street Bridge in Grayling.

The official canoe measuring at Citizens Bank in Grayling at noon on Saturday, July 24, is followed by Grayling's impressive AuSable River Festival Parade at 3 p.m.

Marathon action continues with the Glen's Markets AuSable Challenge Events, staged in Grayling on Saturday afternoon, July 24, and in Oscoda on Sunday morning, July 25, which offer both novices and more serious competitors the opportunity to challenge the AuSable in shorter races.

Citizens Bank, Big Boy Restaurant & Bake Shop, Grayling Holiday Inn, Transnation Title Insurance Company and the Grayling Area Visitors Council are sponsors of the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon. CenturyTel, the official cellular communications provider of the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, is providing communications for the event. Glen's Market is the sponsor for the Challenge Events.

The Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon is held in conjunction with Grayling's AuSable River Festival, featuring a host of events throughout Marathon week. The River Festival recognizes the unique importance of the AuSable River to these northern Michigan communities.

Extensive information, photographs and frequently updated race results for the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon are also available on the world wide web at:

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COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

by Donna Thomson
Wednesday Ladies League

Well folks, I'm back again! With all the festivities of the Fourth of July and family coming to visit, my article had to go on the back burner, so this week you'll get a "two-for."

Our last two weeks of play, the weather was glorious: humidity gone and just great golfing weather.

For the week of June 30, these gals did enjoy the cooler weather as in Flight A, Connie Gates and Joyce Ross both had a low net of 29 and Mary Jane Knibbs and Joyce Ross had low putts of 13.

In Flight B, Marilyn Hartman had a low net of 27 and Jo Ann Phillips had low putts of 13.

In Flight C, Doris Birtcher had a low net of 31 and for low putts of 16, it was a tie between Ilene Hatfield and Fran Shires.

In Flight D, Joyce Kolka had a low net of 30 and Evie Kent and Joyce Kolka tied for low putts of 15.

No birdies today, but there were five chip-ins, and those were by Jeanette Kitchen on #3, Nadine Korth on #3, Bev McNamara on #1, Norma Olson on #1, and Jo Ann Phillips on #2.

The umbrella prize this week for the longest putt in Flight B on #9 was won by Judy Johnston.

After a lunch of salad with chicken, roll and dessert, there was a few announcements by President Sally McNamara. She wanted to remind us that the handicap tournament is starting on July 7. All flights will be posted, so make sure you take note of who you play with and get your round in, in the appropriate time.

Paddler's Tribute canoe races to be held this weekend

The following Paddler's Tribute races will be held this weekend:

C-1 race (1 person) is Saturday July 17, at 6:00 p.m. starting at Borchers'; **C-2 race** (2 person) is

Also, summer rules are in effect now.

Now on Wednesday, July 7, in Flight A, Connie Gates had a low net of 30 and Dorothy Walker had low putts of 16.

In Flight B, Balkis Shippy had a low net of 30 and for low putts there was a four-way tie of 16, between Mary Hamblin, Lynda Hetrick, Judy Johnston and Peggy Whipple.

In Flight C, Norma Olson had a low net of 31 and Doris Birtcher and Deanne Weiss had low putts of 14.

In Flight D, Rita McClain had a low net of 33 and Dot Gleffe and Thelma Madsen had low putts of 17.

There was only one birdie today by Jeanne Thompson on #1, but there were three chip-ins, one by Doris Birtcher on #16, Carlene Englund on #14 and Judy Johnston on #15.

The "umbrella" prize for the longest putt in Flight C was won by Ilene Hatfield.

This week the Wednesday Ladies Handicap Tournament starts. Good luck to each and everyone who participates.

This next bit of news is not related to Wednesday morning golf, but we wanted everyone to know of something special our past-President Carolyn DiPonio did at the recent Rotary Golf outing. She was in our team, and on #8 she had an "eagle." Her drive and her second shot was great. Congratulations! Didn't win any money, but anyone who golfed in this outing is a winner.

That's all "fore" now.

Youth Canoe Race to be held on July 23

This year's Youth Canoe Race will include two divisions: 10-14 year olds and 15-17 year olds.

The race will be held on Friday, July 23, at 10:00 a.m. starting at Borchers' Canoe Livery. Entry fee is \$10 and Borchers' will provide the

canoes and paddles (entrants must use these). Register early or by 9:30 a.m. that day. Parental signatures are required.

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Fee \$8 _____ Signed _____ Date _____

Redskins Football now accepting registrations

The Grayling Redskins Youth Football Program (for young people in grades 5-8) is currently accepting final sign-ups for players and cheerleaders.

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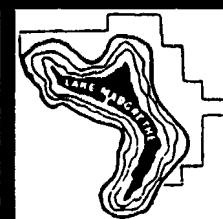
Completed forms can be mailed to the address on the sign-up slip. The cost for players is \$60 if a new jersey is needed, or \$25 if the player already has a jersey from last year. The cost for cheerleaders is \$30.

The league only has 50 spots this year, so try to submit completed applications as soon as possible.

Sign-ups will also be taken at Family Night, which will be held on Monday, August 2 at 7 p.m. at Redskins Field at the Booster Club Sports Complex at the fairgrounds.

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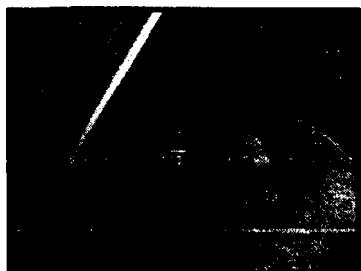
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MERRITT SPEEDWAY

Saturday, July 3: It was Bonham Insurance Agency Mid Season Championship for all classes Saturday night at Merritt. All races were lined up by points so no time trials were held. They had Fan Appreciation night instead and all the race cars and drivers came onto the front stretch and the fans came out of the stands to get autographs and pictures. Some drivers came with their own pictures and even candy for the kids.

The Late Model feature was fast and furious with Frank Seder, Don Marcoullier, and Joe Johnson doing three wide racing lap after lap as they battled for the lead. Seder finally got out in front then marcoullier and Johnson raced side by side the rest of the race with Marcoullier finally claiming second and Johnson third. Rail Rokos, Karl Jussola, Garry McKinley, Phil Hendershot, Matt Sprague, Brent Banning and Mike Fenske rounded out the top ten.

Bob Harden won the "B" main ahead of Dave Hartman, Don Biddle, Steve Anderson and Tim

Stott. Heat winners were Harden, Don Hawley, and Johnson. Marcoullier won the dash over Sprague, Bruce Vance and Eric Spangler.

In the Michigan Modifieds Greg Wangler won the feature ahead of Bob Kingen who came from the back of the pack for second. Steve Fowler, Dennis Boyce, Roger Steig, Allen Markel, Jerry Bazuin, Dave Hatfield, Rich Robinson Jr., and Brent Banning followed.

Flash Myas won the "B" main over Rich Robinson Jr. and Duane Schram. It was Dave Mairose, Steve Grove and Mark Tossey in the "C" main. Heat winners were Jeep VanWormer, Steve Fowler, Wilber Fick and Robinson.

Young Roger Ransom passed Matt Saxton to win the Pro Truck feature to continue the impressive first year of racing he is having. Following Saxton were Ron Hill, John Schnieder, J.T. Anderson, Rick Yaroach, David Schram, Jon Bednarick, Rick Abel, and Tom Kushmaul.

Mark Kaufman won the first heat

and Yaroach the second. Schnieder took the dash ahead of Hill, Saxton, and Leonard Ballur.

Louie Peterson started on the pole as the point leader in the Street Stock feature and led the entire race to win the Soaring Eagle Double Down for Street Stocks. This doubles the money and increased the laps to 25 tonight.

Dave DeKam, Jim Lucas, Chris Brindley, Richard Peterson, John Taylor, Bob Gorcyca, Bob Green, Mark Kler, and Tom Hawkins rounded out the top ten. Hawkins won the "B" main in his '56 Chevy over Green and Paul Long. It was Allen Haskins, Mark Edwards and Gene Carson in the "C" main. Heat wins went to Haskins, Jim Billett and Lucas.

Saturday, July 10: The Auto Value Super Sprints were at Merritt Speedway Saturday night to join the program. Tim Norman was the big winner as he won the feature ahead of Ken Mackey, Mike Daggett, Jason Blondel and John Gall. Mackey won the "B" main ahead of 16 year old Dustin Daggett and Gall. Blondel, Norman, Davey Brown and Mark Irwin won the heat races. Norman also won the dash over Blondel, Mike Daggett and Brown.

After not winning a feature for four years, Bob Kingen won the Michigan Modified feature by inch-

es. Kingen, Greg Wangler and Jerry Bazuin ran side by side lap after lap for the last half of the race exchanging the lead between them. Finally Kingen and Wangler pulled in front of Bazuin but he stayed on their bumpers.

Kingen finally put his nose ahead by inches at the checkered flag to take the win. Following Wangler and Bazuin were Rich Robinson, Joe Fowler, Eric Spangler in Duane Schram's car, Brent Banning, Bill Whittington, Allen Markel and Dave Mairose.

It was Roger Stieg, Wangler and Rick Urbach in the "B" main; and Steve Grove, Merv Hudson and Clay Chambers in the "C" main. Heat winners were Brad Urbach, Ken Keller, Grove, Wangler and Willard VanHaitsma. It was Rich Robinson, Banning, Garry McKinley and Steve Fowler in the dash.

Roger Ransom won another Pro Truck feature Saturday night as he held off Rick Abel, Matt Saxton, Ron Hill, Bill Myers, John Schnieder, Rick Yaroach, Don Collins, J.T. Anderson and Jon Bednarick. Hill and Ransom won the heats and Hill also took the dash ahead of Saxton, Schnieder and Ransom.

Elmo Skids passed the top three cars to take the lead in the

Street Stock feature. Leon Bidoul and Allen Haskins, running first and second, wound up on their sides as they came together trying to keep their position. John Taylor, running third wound up in the same mess and all three finished at the back of the pack.

Chris Brindley, Gordy Bundy, Bob Gorcyca, Bob Hammar, Dave DeKam, Kevin Rigby, Mark Kler, Tom Hawkins and Irvin Thume rounded out the top ten finishers. Brindley won the "B" main ahead of Bundy, McKenzie, Thume and Dan Sharkey. Hawkins, DeKam and Bidoul won the heat races.

July 17, is Canadian Night. The 11th annual Wood Tic 100 is on July 23 and 24.

FISHING REPORT

Rivers: It's grasshopper time. Anglers have started to catch fish using hoppers. Other terrestrials (ants, beetles, etc.) are expected to be effective soon.

Fishermen are also having some success with little blue-wing olives and mohaganes, the smaller sizes.

Mohaganes are working well on the North Branch and hoppers are getting fish on the mainstream.

There is still an outside chance of finding a good hex spot.

More information is available at The Fly Factory's 24-hour hatchline: 517-348-7108. (Info courtesy of Bob Smock and The Fly Factory.)

Lake Margrethe: Walleye fishing is phenomenal, with many anglers reaching their limits. Between 3 a.m. and 8 a.m. is a good time to fish for walleye, and chances increase during late evening, night, and well



after dark. Fishermen are using perch walleye divers or fluorescent green or gold and orange walleye divers.

Anglers are also getting good numbers of small mouth bass around the weeds in 20-25 feet of water.

Fishermen are getting some bullheads in the shallows, try fishing around dusk.

People have also been getting scattered bluegill using waxworms, tear drops, and preserved wigglers.

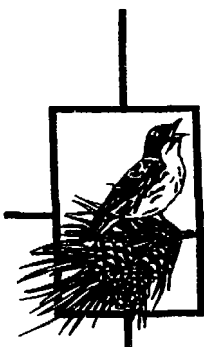
(Info courtesy of Skip's Sport Shop.)

GRA MENS SOFTBALL

Standings for 1999 Grayling Recreation Authority Mens Softball League (as of Thursday, July 9):

Airway	11-1
Spikes	8-2
Lucky's	6-4
American Legion	5-7
Red Barn	1-9
C.S.I.	1-9

Note: This year's All-Star game has been rescheduled for Friday, July 30.



Kirtland

Community College
10775 N. St. Helen Road
Roscommon, MI 48653

Registration for Fall Semester classes at Kirtland Community College is August 25, 26 & 27. Classes begin Monday, August 30.

Now is the time to apply and to prepare to register. You can pick up an application in the Admissions Office on campus or call the Office at 517-275-5000 Ext. 284 and the staff will mail you an application.

The staff members will also answer questions about what you need to do to go to college. They'll tell you about admission requirements, orientation, placement testing, academic advising, registering for classes, and payment for classes. The important thing is to **ACT NOW**.

Kirtland is noted for its outstanding Health Occupations programs; its top-rated Criminal Justice program and Police Academy; its ASE Certified Automotive Technology program; its Fine Arts program; its Science programs; its Cosmetology, Computer Technology, Secretarial, Business and Industrial Technology programs; its Center for the Performing Arts.

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If you're going to go to college, call Kirtland. They're nice people!

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LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Regular Board Meeting of June 16, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Lynette Corlew, at 9:33 a.m. in the County Building on June 16, 1999.

Roll Call: Corlew, Wieland, Golnick, Hanson, Pinkelman and Beardslee.

Absent: None.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk - Present

Paul Compo, County Controller - Present

There were also other visitors present.

--Approved the Board Minutes for May 19, 1999 meeting as presented.

--Authorized the Family Independence Agency to use up to \$4,200 of their Social Welfare Fund as a tentative plan to help maintain dental care for their clients from July 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999. Optional plans for year 2000 will be discussed.

--Authorized the registration fee and lodging for the County Clerk to attend the MI Association of County Clerk's Annual Summer Conference in Ann Arbor in the amount of \$335 plus travel expenses.

--Authorized the payment of the registration and lodging for the Register of Deeds to attend the MI Association of Register of Deeds Annual Summer Conference on Mackinac Island in the amount of \$500 plus travel expenses.

--Requested the County Controller draft a letter to the Michigan Association of Counties expressing our disappointment or disapproval of the rates negotiated for the County Commissioners Summer Conference on Mackinac Island and inform them that no Commissioner from Crawford County will be attending. Members feel other sites are available at lower rates and the amount of membership dues paid should help offset some of these costs.

--Entered into an Inter-Local Government Agreement with the Township of Grayling. Crawford County will appropriate funds designated for county wide recycling to help fund the recycling center of Grayling Township which would be available to all residents of the County. Grayling Township would help Crawford County fund various programs that the County wishes to provide to county residents as agreed upon. The funds provided by Grayling Township would equal the amount of funds provided by the County for recycling.

--Approved payment of the following vouchers: General Fund - mileage and per diem for Duran and Leonard, mileage for Compo, seminar and mileage for Valentin, and open invoices on the June 7, 1999 report in the amount of \$123,339.91, D.A.R.E. Fund - open invoices on the June 7, 1999 report in the amount of \$656.91, Environmental Control Fund - mileage for Merrill and open invoices on the June 7, 1999 report in the amount of \$375.97, Marriage Counseling Fund - \$148.60.

--Accepted correspondence as presented.

--Adopted a Resolution of support for severance taxes to be returned to counties experiencing oil and gas development/expansion.

--Supported Iron County and oppose Senate Joint Resolution 1 regarding a proposed amendment to the State Constitution of 1963, to permit nonresidents who pay ad valorem property tax on real property located in a political subdivision the right to vote on local issues, tax limit increases, or bond issues.

--Opposed the merger of the Solid Waste

Disposal Companies, resulting in Waste Management being practically the sole supplier of the services also resulting in the elimination of competition in Northern Michigan, thereby negatively affecting costs and service options.

--Submitted the Northern Michigan Sustainable Forest Resource Alliance to the Planning Commission for input.

--Consensus to send a letter to the Michigan Association of Counties relative to the extravagant fees for the MAC conference.

--Setting a special joint meeting with the County Board and Housing Board on Friday June 25, 1999 at 7 a.m. to discuss the Housing Audit.

--Entered into an agreement between the County of Crawford, Crawford County Sheriff and M.T. Kitchens for \$2.60 per meal for the provision of food services to the County Jail.

--Authorized the Fish Hatchery Committee to seek bids for the Fish Hatchery building roof, and hold until finding is available at no cost to the County.

--Entered into the Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement between Crawford County and Oscoda County.

--Consensus to pursue avenues for community service recognition for our youth in Crawford County.

--Placed the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) on the July 21, 1999 Board agenda.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore

County Clerk/Register of Deeds

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

William Azkoul P.C. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by William D. Shearer Jr., a single man, of 8257 North Roberts Road, Frederic, Michigan 49733, and Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507, dated August 22, 1997, and recorded on September 2, 1997, in Liber 436, Page 556 of the Crawford County Register of Deeds, which mortgage has been assigned to First National Bank of Michigan, a National Banking Association, whose address is 241 E. Saginaw, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, by virtue of an Assignment of Mortgage dated October 14, 1997, and recorded on November 7, 1997, with the Crawford County Register of Deeds at Liber 441, Page 242, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Ten Dollars and Eighty Two Cents (\$18,910.82) and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on August 19, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. the undersigned will sell in the front lobby of the Crawford County Building, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in Crawford County and which are described as follows:

Parcel "A": Part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 19; thence no degrees 26' 50" E (along the Section line) 1127.40 feet to the point of beginning; thence N 88 degrees 34'

30' W 1476.76 feet; thence N 4 degrees 41' 14" E 1547.28 feet; thence S 88 degrees 36' E 55.2 feet; thence S 0 degrees 28' 20' W 1335.8 feet; thence S 88 degrees 34' 30' E 1308.67 feet; thence S 0 degrees 26' 50" W 209 feet to the point of beginning.

which has an address of 8257 North Roberts Road, Frederic, Michigan 49733.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 8, 1999
Drafted by:
William M. Azkoul (P40071)
Attorney for Mortgagee
1601 Ottawa, N.W. Ste. 111-A
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 458-1315

-15-22-29-5

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by ANTHONY J. WALUK, a single man, of 112 Jason Place, Grayling, Michigan 49738, to GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERVICING CORPORATION, a Michigan corporation, of 2505 East Paris, S.E., Suite 200, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546, dated August 29, 1995, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on August 31, 1995 in Liber 399, Page(s) 181-184, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this Notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$57,553.26, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that on July 21, 1999, at 10:00 a.m., on the steps of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with interest at 9.53 percent per annum, legal costs, attorney fees, and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee, GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERVICING CORPORATION, does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Land situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan described as follows:

Lot 107, GRAYLING MOBILE ESTATES, #3, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats, Page 23, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period as provided by law is six (6) months from the date of the sale.

Dated: June 2, 1999
Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation, Mortgagee

Brandt, Fisher, Alward & Roy, P.C.
By: Donald A. Brandt (P 30183)
Attorneys for Mortgagee
401 Munson Avenue, P.O. Box 5817
Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817
(616) 941-9660

-10-17-24-1-8-15

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting

to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David J. Bendig and Kathryn E. Bendig his wife (original mortgagors) to Amerifirst Financial Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 7, 1994, and recorded on September 8, 1994, in Liber 383, on Page 362, Crawford County Records, Michigan and was assigned by mesne assignments to Norwest Mortgage, Inc., a California Corporation, Assignee by an assignment dated April 23, 1996 which was recorded on July 2, 1996, in Liber 413, on Page 633, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO AND 40/100 dollars (\$63,362.40), including interest at 9.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgage premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on August 18, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 40, Grayling Manor, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless an affidavit of occupancy or intent to occupy is recorded in accordance with 1948 CL 600.2341(d) and given to the mortgagee, in which case the redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 8, 1999
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE
CALL:
(248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 990201628
Falcons

-8-15-22-29

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert M. Malady, a single man (original mortgagors) to Amerifirst Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated August 7, 1998, and recorded on October 2, 1998, in Liber 464, on Page 356, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETEEN AND 15/100 dollars (\$37,690.15), including interest at 9.900% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgage premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m., on July 28, 1999.

Said premises are situated in the TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point 132 feet East of the Northwest corner of Northwest 1/4 of Section 3; thence South 330 feet; thence East 229.5 feet; thence North 330 feet; thence West 229.5 feet to the point of beginning. Section 3, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption

period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 17, 1999
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE
CALL:
(248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 990506126
Falcons

-17-24-1-8-15

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN, OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED:

Take Notice:

Sale was lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes on that land, and that the undersigned has title to the land under tax deed or deeds, issued for the land. You are entitled to a reconveyance of this land within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the undersigned or to the treasurer of the county in which the land is situated, of all sums paid for the tax sale purchase, together with 50% in addition, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice. The service or publication costs shall be the same as if for personal service of a summons upon commencement of an action, together with a sum of \$5 for each description, without other additional cost or charge. If payment as described in this notice is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND
State of Michigan, County of Crawford,
Lot 389 Unit 5 Indian Glens of the AuSable
052-520-000-390-00.

Taxes paid for 1991, \$105.89; taxes paid for 1992, \$109.63; taxes paid for 1993, \$105.26; taxes paid for 1994, \$105.26; taxes paid for 1995, \$108.16.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$801.30 plus the fees of the Sheriff.

Donald M. McChristian Sr.
40960 Regency Drive
Sterling Heights, Michigan 48313

TO: Dennis and Sylvia Osborne, husband and wife, last grantee in the regular chain of title of such lands or of any interest, therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

County.
Dennis and Sylvia Osborne
6424 Richard Rd.
Rt. 1 Box KW 2343
Grayling, MI 49738

-8-15-22-29

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CRAWFORD COUNTY IS SEEKING BIDS

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are seeking bids to remodel two existing garages. The two adjacent garages are located on the north side of the County Building between the Courthouse and the Jail. The garages are to be converted into office space. All bids are to be sealed and submitted to the controller on or before August 27th, 1999. For details and project specifications contact Paul Compo at the County Building.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular Board meeting starting at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, July 22, 1999 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738 for furnishing of the following.

Furnishing and Installation of Truck Components and Equipment

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Road Commission for Crawford at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as 5th Wheel Truck Components.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS

Raymond Swiercz, Chairman
Robert Nelson, Vice-Chairman
William Gannon, Commissioner

-15-22

CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING AND REHABILITATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF BOARD POSITION

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are presently accepting applications for a position on the County Housing and Rehabilitation Commission. Applicants are required to be county residents and requested to have a genuine interest in the housing stock for Crawford County and participate in the many decisions which take place at monthly meetings. Applications can be obtained and submitted to County Clerk Sandra Moore no later than July 30, 1999 at 4:00 pm at the Crawford County Courthouse 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk / Register of Deeds

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CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION IS TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR HOUSING COMMISSION DIRECTOR

The Crawford County Housing Commission is seeking an energetic, enthusiastic and creative person that is willing to accept the challenges, which come with administering a broad-based housing program. Applicant should be familiar with State and Federal housing programs along with grant administrative procedures. The preferred applicant will possess strong communication skills and problem solving ability. A proven track record of success is desirable. This is a full time position with great benefits, interested candidates should send their resume to the Crawford County Housing Commission, 203 Huron St., Grayling, MI 49738. The deadline for consideration is 7/23/99. Crawford County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on July 26, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, to hear the following case:

Case #99-3: Becky Robinson, petitioner.
T26N, R3W, Sec. 11
1898 Nighthawk Lane
NRD Zone
041-011-007-060-00

Existing structure is setback 60' from the AuSable River Mainstream. A variance is requested to construct an addition attached to the existing structure with a set back of 72' and an accessory building with a setback of 130'. (Addition to existing structure variance of 128' from river). (Accessory building variance of 70').

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton
Township Clerk

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REQUEST FOR ELECTRICAL BIDS FROM GRAYLING TOWNSHIP

Grayling Township will be soliciting bids from prospective electrical contractors for the township hall addition project. Grayling Township will be erecting a 1,040 square foot addition to the township meeting room and the reconfiguration of the existing building to facilitate a new entryway.

All prospective bidders for the electrical sub-contract must be pre-qualified by Grayling Township. The electrical sub-contract will be assigned to the successful general contract bidder. To pre-qualify as an electrical sub-contract bidder, you must make an appointment with Terry R. Wright, Grayling Township Supervisor, before Monday, July 19, 1999 at (517) 348-4361.

Construction documents for electrical work will be given to pre-qualified bidders on Monday, July 19, 1999 at 2 p.m. Bids will be due at the Grayling Township Hall on Friday, July 30, 1999 at 2 p.m.

Although the apparent low bidder will be announced at that time, such announcement does not constitute acceptance of that bid by the Grayling Township Board of Trustees until after the completion of a pre-construction conference.

The Grayling Township Offices are located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738.

Grayling Township is an equal opportunity employer, and will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, color, marital status, handicap or political beliefs.

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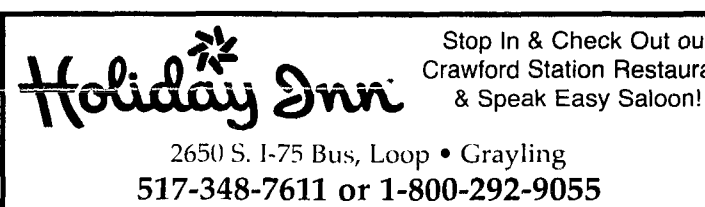
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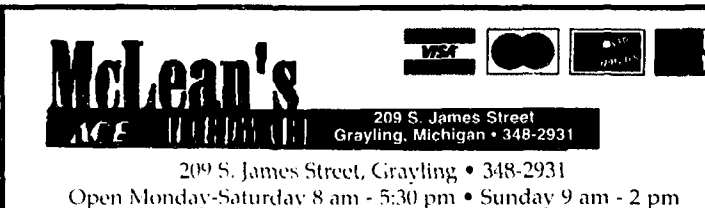
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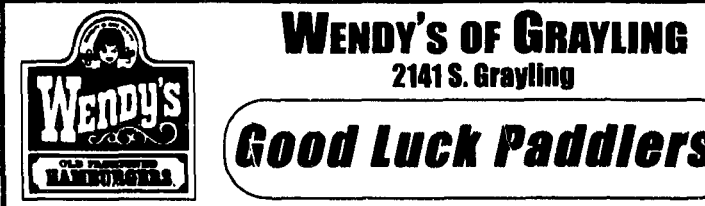
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AuSable River Canoe Marathon

• Schedule Of Events •

**Thursday July 22nd -
Saturday July 24th:**
Self-Guided Tours Camp Grayling, All day, Maps at the Visitors
Center, City Park

**Wednesday July 21st -
Saturday July 24th:**
Crawford County Fair
12:00 noon - 10:00 p.m.
Crawford County Fairgrounds, Old US 27

Saturday July 17th:
Paddlers Tribute C-1 Race 6:00 p.m.
Starts at Borchers Canoeing and B&B
Sponsored by Spike's Keg 'O' Nails, Buccilli's Pizza and Grayling
Restaurant

Sunday July 18th:
Paddlers Tribute C-2 Race 8:30 a.m.
State Amateur Championship 8:35 a.m.
Starts at Ray's Canoe Livery
Sponsored by Spike's Keg 'O' Nails,
Buccilli's Pizza and Grayling Restaurant

Tuesday July 20th:
Ice Cream Social and Dance 6:00 p.m. at 308 Lawndale
Sponsored by Commission on Aging

Wednesday July 21st:
Music on the River
7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Ray's Canoe Livery
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Thursday July 22nd:
Coffee Break 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. at 305 Michigan Ave
Sponsored by Citizens Bank

Festival Book Sale
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Crawford County Library
Sponsored by Friends of the Library

Business Relay Races
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Penrod's Canoe Livery
Sponsored by Camp Grayling Conservation Club

Marathon Sprints for Starting Position
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Penrod's Canoe Livery and Cabins

Youth Fishing Contest
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at City Park
Sponsored by Camp Grayling Conservation Club

Friday July 23rd:
Youth Races
10:00 a.m. at Borchers Canoeing and B&B
10 - 14 Yrs. & 15 - 17 Yrs.

**23rd Annual AuSable River
Fine Arts & Crafts Show**
10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
at City Park
Sponsored by
Grayling Chamber of Commerce

River Festival Book Sale
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Crawford County Library
Sponsored by Friends of the Library

Quilt Show
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at The Ice House
Sponsored by Ice House Quilt Sitters Group

Marathon Sprints for Starting Position
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Penrod's Canoe Livery and Resort

Special Olympics Challenge
5:00 p.m.
Penrod's Canoe Livery & Resort

Marathon Paddler's Dinner
6:30 p.m.
Grayling Holiday Inn

Saturday July 24th:
20th Annual Mercy Hospital
1 Mile Fun Run & Walk
8:30 a.m.

AuSable River 10K Run
9:00 a.m.
Registration at the Middle School
Sponsored by Grayling Mercy Hospital

Antique Car Show
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Michigan Avenue
Sponsored by Grayling Uptown District Association

Dunk Tank
10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on Michigan Avenue
This is a fund raiser for Habitat for Humanity

Hoopfest
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Michigan Avenue
Sponsored by The Animal Shelter of Crawford County Project Fund

Quilt Show
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at The Ice House
Sponsored by Ice House Quilt Sitters

**23rd Annual AuSable River Festival
Arts & Crafts Show**
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at The City Park
Sponsored by the Grayling Chamber of Commerce

**Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Ice Cream Social**
12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.
Craft Show
11:00 - 4:00 p.m.
400 E. Michigan Avenue
Bed Race
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Michigan Ave.
Sponsored by Grayling Area Visitors Council

Marathon Pre-Race Briefing
12:00 noon at Citizens Bank
305 E. Michigan Ave

4th Annual Rotary Chicken BBQ
12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.
American Legion Hall
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AuSable River Festival Parade
3:00 p.m. on Michigan Avenue
Sponsored by Grayling Promotional Association

Street Dance
9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. on Michigan Ave
Sponsored by Stevens Family Circle

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5:00 p.m. Glen's Challenge Race
6:00 p.m. Pre-Marathon Program
7:00 p.m. Introduction of Paddlers
7:25 p.m. Posting of Colors Nat'l Guard
8:15 p.m. Challenge Race Award Ceremony
8:45 p.m. Marathon Raffle Drawing
9:00 p.m. start of the 52nd Weyerhaeuser
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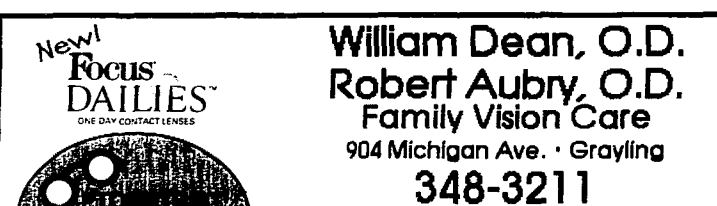
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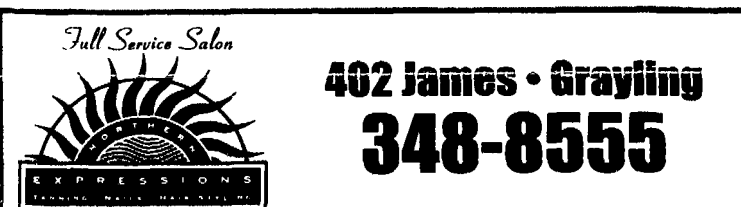
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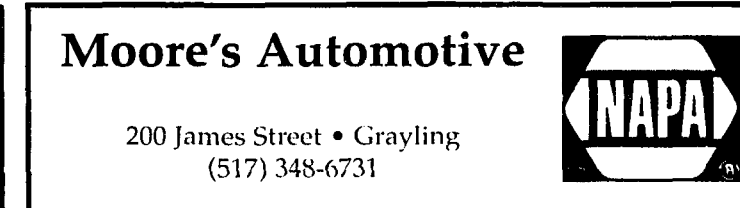
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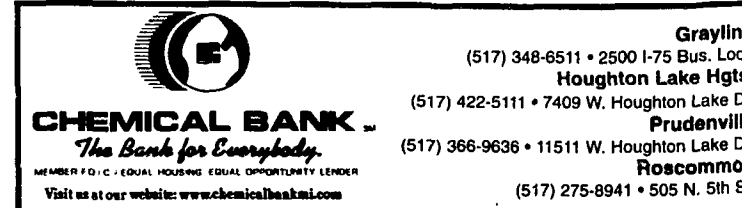
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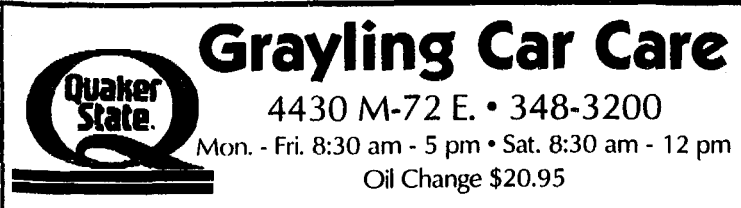
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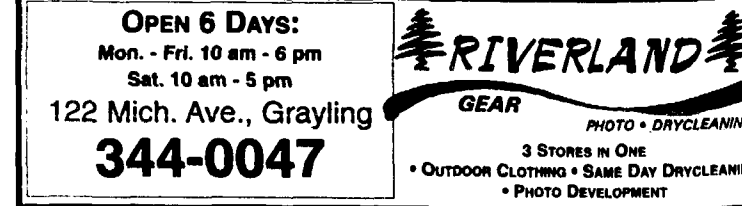
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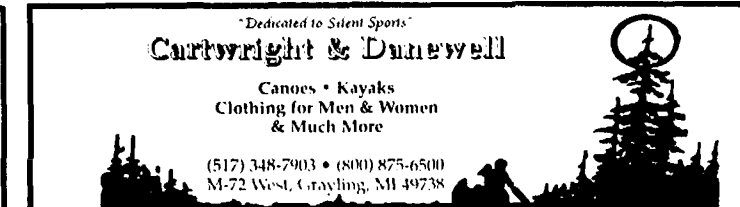
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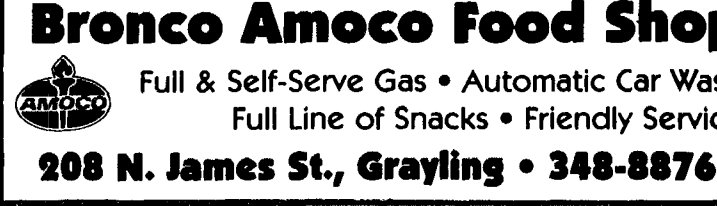
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For The Week Of July 18-24

Aries March 21-April 20

Coming up with a creative approach to a long-lasting problem may be in your best interest. Make it your goal this week. By the weekend, your solution could make the problem seem not so difficult. You will be appreciated, too.

Taurus April 21-May 21

This is the week to take a little time for yourself. Try to organize some time away with a few friends. If that doesn't work out, go alone. It may give you some time to get your thoughts and ideas in order and could be very refreshing.

Gemini May 22-June 21

Keep your temper in check this week. It's very important that you stay cool in front of your family. One wrong word could end up causing some major problems. Focus on finances. Start with your checking account and work up.

Cancer June 22-July 22

Depending on someone else to take care of your problems is not the answer. You have to face up to them and work on them yourself. After all, they are your problems. A quick solution is not the answer. You need permanent changes.

Leo July 23-August 23

Don't let the crowd influence you; stick to your own plans and principles. Is your health worrying you? Change your lifestyle and get in shape. Just setting aside a little time each day for exercise is a great first step. A new hairstyle could lift your spirits.

Virgo August 24-September 22

Be a little flexible with your time during the week. With a hectic schedule like yours, loosening up a bit might actually be the answer to getting more done. Check your calendar for an upcoming date with a close friend—don't miss it.

Libra September 23-October 23

Anger should not control what you say. Even though someone has hurt you, don't get angry and say something you'll regret forever. Count to 10 or walk away. In the end, you will feel better about keeping control of your emotions.

Scorpio October 24-November 22

It would be a great week for you to get projects and goals accomplished. After all, your self-confidence is at an all-time high this week. It's probably due in part to getting some long-overdue credit for a job well done. Congratulations!

Sagittarius November 23-December 21

If a topic or project at work has you stumped, you may find the ideas and help you need on the Internet. Check it out. Be careful whom you are influenced by as the week moves along. Someone's motives may not be totally aboveboard.

Capricorn December 22-January 20

Set aside some time this week to think about what is important and of lasting value in your life. With your busy schedule, it would be good for you to stop and consider where you are headed. Your strong sense of values will help.

Aquarius January 21-February 18

Suspensions of a coworker may wreak havoc on your week. Look into the matter before you get carried away with your thoughts. It would be best for you to keep it quiet until you know for sure you are on the right track.

Pisces February 19-March 20

Romance is possible this week, but work and other things may have to take a back seat in order for it to come about. Take time to appreciate the good things in life. Don't let your financial situation get you down. Help may be on the horizon.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Almond Streusel Baked Pears

Sauce

1 (8 oz.) container plain nonfat yogurt
2 tbsp. honey

Pears

4 large, firm-ripe pears

cooking spray

1 cup oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)

1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar

2 tbsp. oil-purpose flour

1/4 tsp. ground allspice or pumpkin pie sauce

6 tbsp. stick 70% vegetable oil spread, softened

2 tbsp. almonds

Heat oven to 350° F. Spray large baking pan with cooking spray. Combine sauce ingredients; cover

and chill. Combine oats, sugar, flour and allspice; mix well. Cut in spread with two knives until mixture is crumbly. Stir in almonds; set aside. Cut pears in half lengthwise. Using small spoon, remove center of each pear half, leaving a 1/2-inch shell. Place pears, cut side down, in pan; spray with cooking spray. Bake 20 minutes. Remove pan from oven. Turn pears cut side up in pan. Spoon reserved oat mixture over pears. Return pan to oven; continue baking 20 to 25 minutes or until topping is light golden brown and pears are tender. Cool pears 5 minutes in pan on wire rack. Serve warm with sauce. Cover and refrigerate leftovers.

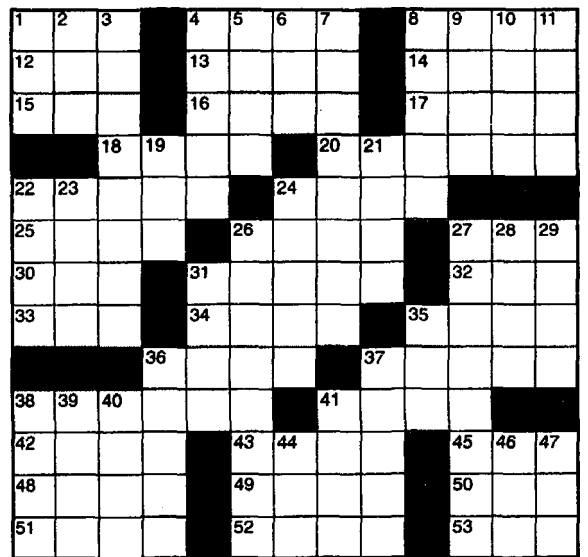
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- School org.
- Compact, for one
- Mary Baker _____
- Detroit gp.
- Holy Roman Emperor (962-973)
- Wrapped Indian gown
- Links group: abbr.
- TV songwriter Hefti
- Trade
- Gad about
- A Clockwork _____
- 1977 Time Man of the Year
- Hector's home
- Neglect
- Actor Bogosian
- What?
- Emulated Griffith-Joyner
- Beverage
- _____ rule (generally) (2 wds.)
- Chang's twin
- House-painter's perch
- Unit of weight
- Arizona Indian
- Emulates Gidget
- Homework for an actor
- Half: prefix
- Long bath
- Gelid
- _____ Valley, Idaho
- Carry
- Dancer Kaye
- _____ roll (lucky) (2 wds.)
- Box for fun
- Word on many a single-mail Scotch label
- To Have And Have _____

DOWN

- Novice
- Children's chasing game
- Conferring
- 1939 Best Actor
- Entry
- Railroad depot: abbr.
- Toddler's activity
- Lamb product
- Tony Orlando and _____
- Type of bunt
- Eek's cousin
- Part of a stable meal
- Totter
- Aching
- _____ after his own heart" (Judges 13:14) (2 wds.)
- Actress Alvarado
- Losing one's temper
- Higgins portrayer
- "Wild blue yonder" group: abbr.
- Bad actors
- Lemon candy
- _____ up the works
- Nature walker
- Auto
- JFK sights
- Chicken cage
- Pro _____
- In this place
- Inflation bellwether: abbr.
- Tre less due
- Critic Hentoff

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago July 15, 1976

A 26-year-old Illinois man became Crawford County's first traffic fatality in 1976 in a fiery accident on I-75. John Posio of El Paso, Illinois lost control of his semi which crossed the median, overturned and burst into flames. He was pulled from the burning cab but could not be revived. Another 2 car accident occurred at the time due to motorists paying more attention to the truck accident than to driving, according to the responding police officers.

Pearl Babbitt, of Maple Forest celebrated her 90th birthday on July 2. Pearl still makes quilts and her eyesight must be excellent to do the beautiful tatting that she does yet.

The Mercy Hospital Advisory Board met to elect officers for the coming year. R. Duane Nimke, Assistant Administrator of the Hospital was elected president. Grayling Attorney, Nelson Miles was elected Vice President and Mrs. Gloria Kraus, owner of The Village Shop was named Secretary.

The Crawford County Chapter of the American Red Cross announced that William Bonkowski, VP of the Grayling State Bank has accepted the Chairmanship of Water Safety Activities for the County and John A. Cottenham, owner & operator of Northern Emergency Transportation Service, has become the Chairman of First Aid Activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stephan of Grayling celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 26. They were honored by their three children.

David Hughes won \$10,000 in cash and Bear's two team entries took first and second in team competition at the San Diego Open, billed as the "World's Greatest Archery Tournament."

Carole Reed, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Rick Reed, Grayling, made the Dean's List at MSU for the spring term. This summer, she is attending Indiana University for an 8-week Slavic workshop where everything is taught in Russian.

This week's bouquet goes to the Schuyler Gibsons for a garden full of roses. Walk by, take a look and smell the fragrance of beautiful roses. Besides the roses, the house formerly the Eggie Bugby home on the corner of Spruce and Ionia is undergoing remodeling.

46 Years Ago July 16, 1953

By the prompt and efficient action on the part of the Grayling Fire Department, a fire in the motor of the elevator at Mercy Hospital was quickly extinguished Monday, July 13 at about 1:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigurd Reetz (Ruby Chappell) have sold their home in Detroit and have come to Grayling to take up permanent residence.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Failing announced the arrival of a son, John Richard on July 10. Grandparents are the Don Dentons of Grayling and Otto Failing of Gaylord.

Mrs. Joseph Freeman returned to her home in Gagetown Tuesday after spending two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Willard Cornell and family. Mrs. Cornell and daughters drove her home.

69 Years Ago July 17, 1930

The annual School meeting last Monday evening attracted little attention and there was the usual handful in attendance. Emil Kraus and T.P. Peterson were re-elected trustees for three years. According to the reading of the minutes there was \$9,700 on hand at the close of the school year. The bonded indebtedness has all been paid up, and we have a fine school building to show

for the money the taxpayers spent.

Roy Wolcott has returned to Grayling from Oxford and began employment as head filer at Kerry & Hanson Co.

The Grayling, a fish which one attracted anglers from all parts of the country to Michigan, has become a thing of the past. many theories have been advanced as to why this fish, once so plentiful in Northern Michigan, has become extinct, but in spite of observations and experiments it still remains a mystery.

New York Central R.R. is about to purchase the Boyne City, Gaylord and Alpena railroad, valued at \$1,313,017. This railroad was organized in 1903 as a lumbering line.

Miss Clara Bugby is assisting at the Economy Store.

The Connine Grocery is sporting a new delivery truck.

The Grayling Board of Trade will give away an auto for the benefit of our winter sports project.

92 Years Ago July 18, 1907

The team of William Cook of South Branch shied on seeing an auto last Friday and ran away, smashing the wagon.

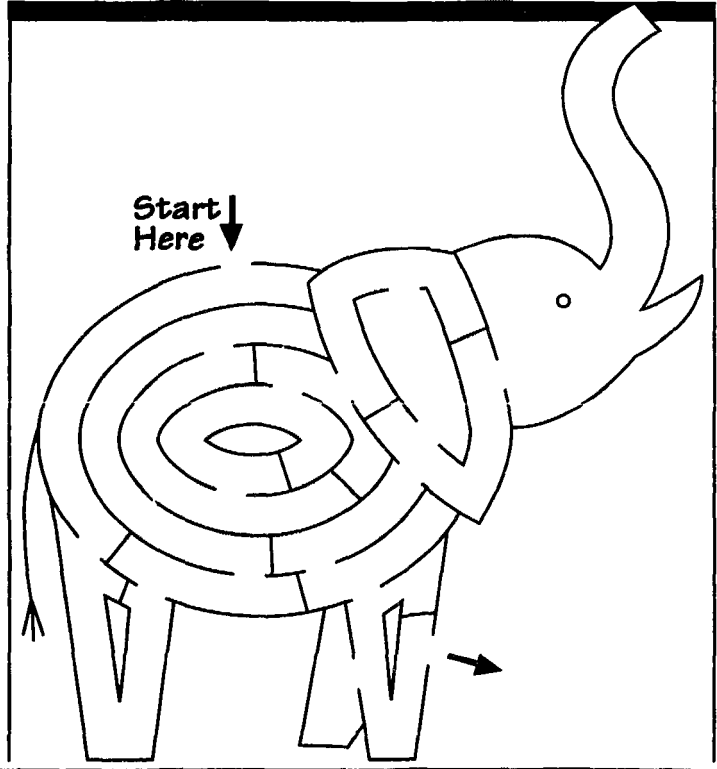
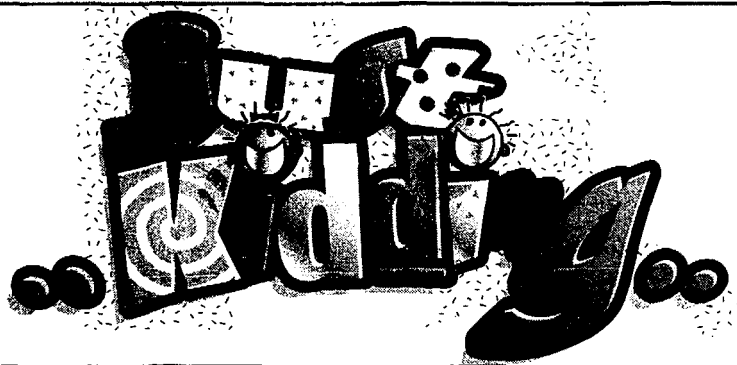
The dray horse of Grant Shellenbarger ran away twice last Friday, one time being frightened by the red uniformed band of Uncle Tom's Cabin show.

George Davis, of Lovells, caught a German brown trout in the North Branch that measured 29 1/2 inches and weighed 9 pounds, 14 ounces.

Some sneak thief entered a back window of the new Russell House and sniped a pocketbook and \$5 in money.

The well on the south side of the river is down about 2,400 feet, and boring in salt. We do not prophesy what will come next.

Miss Laura London has taken a position in the Avalanche office to see if she desires to learn the "Art Preservative."



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Date	H	L	8 a.m.	Rainfall
7/6	78	55	64	
7/7	81	46	56	
7/8	72	56	62	1.39"
7/9	69	53	57	0.08"
7/10	71	42	51	
7/11	78	48	55	
7/12	81	49	53	

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Thursday - warm and humid with a high of 85 - 90. Friday - warm and humid with a low of 60 - 65 and a high in the mid to upper 80's. Saturday - chance of thunderstorms with a low of 60 - 65 and a high of 80 - 85.

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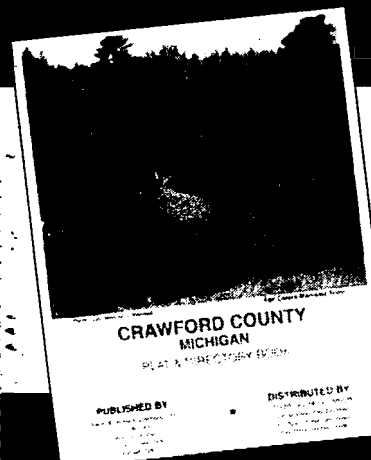


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Camp discusses health care at Grayling Mercy

The topic of "Rural Health Issues" brought Congressman Dave Camp, whose congressional district includes Grayling, and Congressman William Thomas (California) to Grayling Mercy Hospital on Monday, June 21, to meet with representatives of the board, medical staff, Auxiliary and administration.

Congressmen Camp and Thomas were interested in learning first hand what the impact of the Balanced Budget Act (BBA) reforms are having on small rural hospitals and what impact proposed Clinton Administration Medicare Cuts could have on these same facilities.

Grayling Mercy Hospital was chosen as a representative of rural hospitals in Congressman Camp's district for a forum with the congressmen.

"We were honored to be chosen to represent small rural hospitals in this legislative discussion. We have great concerns over the way in which the Balanced Budget Act and additional Medicare cuts will affect our community health care system," stated Stephanie Riemer Matuzak, CEO of Grayling Mercy Hospital. "Congressmen Camp and Thomas are to be complimented for taking the time to look 'beyond the numbers' and to understand from our local physicians and administrators how care is delivered in rural northern Michigan and the impact of these cuts on our ability to provide needed health care."

Congressman Camp is a member of the Subcommittee on Health of the Committee on Ways & Means and Congressman Thomas is the Chairperson of this 13-person Subcommittee. The Subcommittee has jurisdiction over Medicare Part

A. The Balance Budget Act imposes \$7.6 million payment cuts over a five year period for Grayling Mercy Hospital. This reduction in Medicare payments has already impacted Grayling Mercy Hospital resulting in elimination of two programs, the Healthline (health education and physician referral service) and the Mercy child care center.

"Grayling Mercy Hospital is dependent on adequate Medicare and Medicaid payments. 61% of our hospital days are associated with Medicare patients while 11% of our hospital days are associated with Medicaid patients. A significant reduction in payment for Medicare patients will have a devastating effect for hospitals across the country, especially in communities with a high percentage of senior residents such as our hospital," said Riemer-Matuzak. "We are petitioning our legislative representatives to study the impact of these cuts on small rural hospitals and create a system which will allow us to carry out our mission to improve the health status of our community."

Steve Pirog, Chief Financial Officer for Mercy Health Services North said, "Legislative decisions cannot be based on large metropolitan health systems as the interests and differences of these systems and small rural systems are vast. Access to health care is crucial. People can't be expected to drive an hour to receive emergency care, thus, the survival of rural hospitals and health centers should be of great consideration."

Both Congressmen Camp and Thomas listened with interest as representatives from Grayling Mercy Hospital, Mercy Health Services, and Munson Healthcare



Congressmen William Thomas and Dave Camp

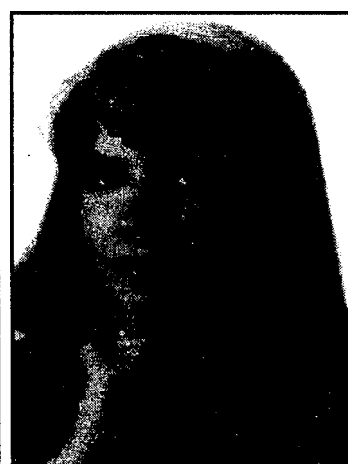
spoke on the issues of regional health care in Northern Michigan. Grayling Mercy Hospital is owned by Mercy Health Services and has a management partnership with Munson Healthcare.

During the discussion, the congressmen presented an update of health care reform that is being

introduced within the Subcommittee on Health of the Committee on Ways & Means.

If you are interested in voicing your opinions on this subject, you may contact Congressman Camp's office at: 137 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515-2204.

RE/Max assistant earns license



Kelly Stockwell

RE/Max of Grayling announced that Kelly Stockwell is now a licensed executive assistant.

Stockwell has been working for Craig Hinkle as his personal assistant for the past five years.

She has also recently earned her real estate license and is ready to help area clients with their real estate needs.

Stockwell has lived in Grayling for nine years and is familiar with the area.

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Otsego Hospital hires new executive director

The Otsego Memorial Hospital Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Deb Allen to the position of Executive Director. Allen, formerly executive director of the Gaylord/Otsego County Chamber of Commerce, will be responsible for fostering the growth of the fund-raising arm of Otsego Memorial Hospital.

"The Foundation is an integral part of the growth and expansion of Otsego Memorial Hospital," said OMHF president John Kluck. "We have been very successful in the past few years to raise money for equipment and technology for the Hospital. With Deb's leadership we look forward to developing more innovative programs to secure funding for our local hospital."

Allen has spent the past two years as president of her own company, Chamber Directions. She has counseled chambers across the state to find qualified personnel, develop quality programs, and offered training and planning expertise to chamber board members.

While the challenge of running

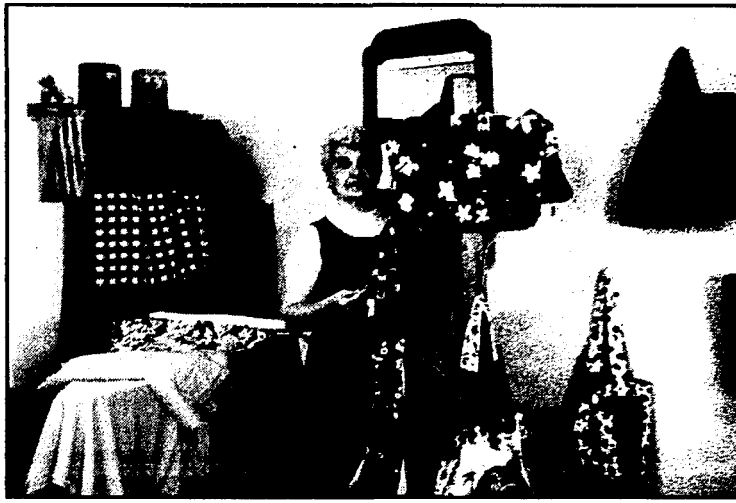
her own company has been an exciting time in her professional life, Allen is looking forward to lending her experience, leadership and enthusiasm to the Otsego Memorial Hospital Foundation.

"After two years of being on the road and working the over 30 chambers to enhance their communities it's clear to me 'There's no place like home,'" Allen said. "I'm thrilled to be serving the community again. I've greatly missed the feeling of connectedness I always felt working in Gaylord and Otsego County."

The Otsego Memorial Hospital Foundation exists to raise money to enhance Otsego Memorial Hospital. With costs of providing medical care rising, and reimbursements from federal insurance sources dwindling, the Foundation offers an opportunity for the community to participate in securing the maintenance and growth of their local Hospital.

For information on how you can contribute to the well being of your community call the OMH Foundation Office at 517-731-2342.

The Pine Needle relocates



FABRIC ART - Pine Needle owner, Cora Flowers, shows off some of her many creations of clothing and tote bags.

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The Pine Needle custom sewing shop has moved. Formerly housed at the back of the Enchanted Forest Gift Shop, the business is now located at 120 Michigan Avenue, between Riverland Gear and J.DAP.

Owner Cora Flowers and her co-worker, Patty Gorten, met many years ago, became friends and when the opportunity arose, decided to work together.

The business has existed off and on for about 20 years and simply outgrew its previous location. After careful study, Flowers decided the time was right for a move.

Custom-made clothing from scratch using in-stock fabric, special order fabric, or the customer's fabric, is done at The Pine Needle on a regular basis - a great deal of which is done for weddings. Alterations are also available.

Flowers and Gorten have also performed community service in the form of restoration work on dam-

aged military uniforms for the Crawford County Historic Museum.

The Pine Needle is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call Flowers or Gorten at 344-9710.

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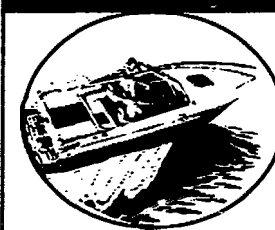
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by Sarah Fossati

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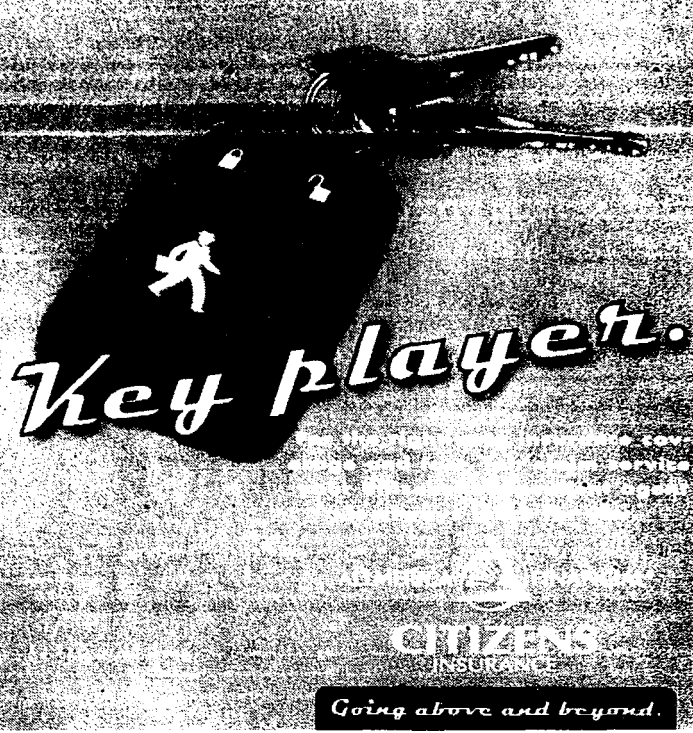
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Sentencing for June 1999

Honorable John G. Hunter:

Ryan Scott Steiger of Grayling - Receiving Stolen Property in Excess of \$100 - Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 100 days, to run concurrent with prison term currently being served; ordered to pay \$464.40 restitution and \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund.

Kevin Lee Barringer of Essexville - OUIL, 3rd - Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for 1 day previously served; ordered to pay \$750 fine, \$360 court costs, and \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund; and placed on 18 months probation.

James Allen Skornicka of Lake - Stolen Property - Sentenced to 1 year in the Crawford County Jail, with credit for 65 previously served; ordered to pay \$500 fine, \$500 costs, \$10.05 restitution, \$60 to the Crime Victims' Fund, \$350 attorney fees;

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Honorable Alton T. Davis:


Curtis James Jeziorski of Grayling - Probation Violation - Sentenced to 90 days in jail, held in abeyance; probation continued.

Peter Haverstock of Gaylord - Probation Violation - Sentenced to 24-48 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections, with credit for 239 days jail credit.

Frank Douglas McLeod of Roscommon - Probation Violation - Sentenced to 30 days in jail, with credit for 2 days previously served, held in abeyance pending payment of fines and costs.

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Grayling woman named Hospice Volunteer of the Year



HOSPICE AWARD -- Alice Galvani (right) of Grayling was recently recognized as Hospice of Michigan's Volunteer of the Year at the Annual Volunteer of the Year Appreciation Luncheon held at Coyles Restaurant. Presenting the award is Cindy Witkowski (left), Volunteer Manager. Witkowski said Galvani, who is known for many all-night stays and fundraising efforts, has driven 1,498 miles and devoted numerous hours to Hospice of Michigan in her two-and-a-half years with the program.

Lions contribute \$10,000 to help tornado victims

District Governor Robert Reuther of the Alpena Host Lions Club received word Friday, July 9 that the Lions District 11 E-2 will receive a \$10,000 Emergency Grant from The International Association of Lions Clubs Foundation.

The grant is in response to a request by the District to enable local Lions Clubs to distribute relief aid to victims of a natural disaster. The grant will assist the people of Comins, where a tornado touched down Saturday, July 3. The funds

can only be used to provide basic necessities for those affected by the disaster.

A Lions Relief Program has been established, with PDG Robert Lutze of the Hillman Area Lions Club as chairperson.

Lions members from different clubs in the district will work with other groups to identify those in need of assistance. Those involved are members of the Alpena Host, Hillman, Lewiston, Glennie, and Mio Lions Clubs.

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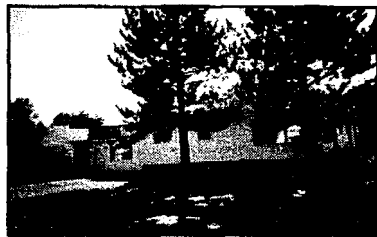
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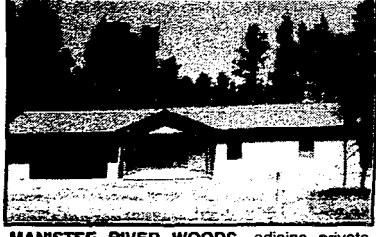
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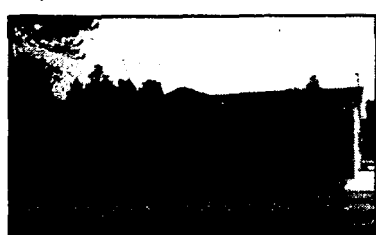
MANISTEE RIVER WOODS, adjoins private park, also private park on Manistee River. New builders spec home. Amenities include 2x6 side-wall construction, oak kitchen cabinets, hardwood floors in kitchen and sliding glass door. Wood interior windows. Vinyl exterior. L.P. gas H/W B/B. 1,288 sq. ft. 24x26 garage. **\$89,900 CH-918**



HUNTERS & SNOWMOBILERS!! One bedroom cabin sleeps 4 and comes mostly furnished. 24x24 pole barn with 10 ft. ceilings and cement floor. Store all your toys. New septic in August '97 (not hooked up). All on 2.8 acres with easy access. **\$22,900 CS-975**



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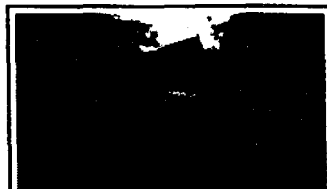
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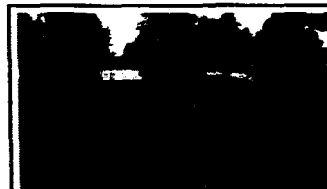
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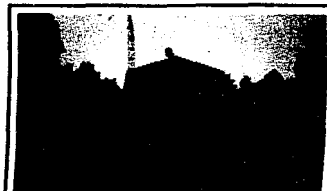
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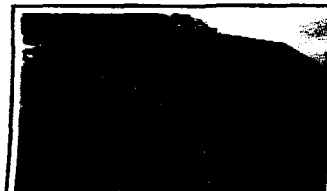
THIS CHARMING TOTALLY REMODELED built over mobile sits on 3.5 acres in the woods on US-27 North. Home offers 1564 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, den, pantry, new kitchen and bath and new carpeting throughout. Wood siding with a metal roof and a garage. **\$80,000 (DM-1305)**



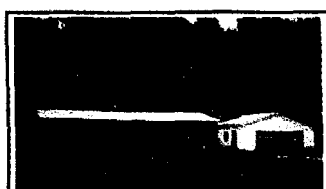
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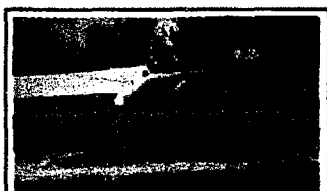
AFFORDABLE 2 BEDROOM home in the Village of Roscommon. This home would be perfect for a retirement home or for the first time home buyer. **\$22,900 (BSO-1303)**



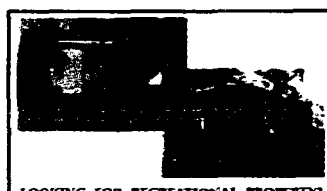
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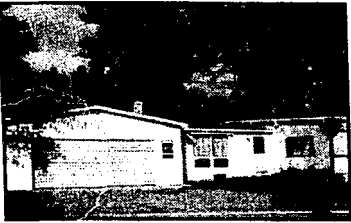
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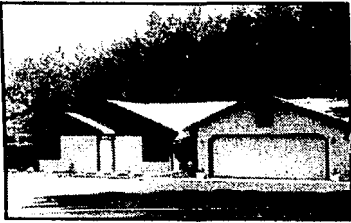
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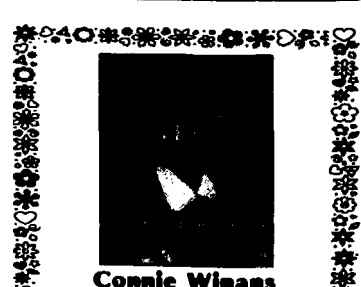
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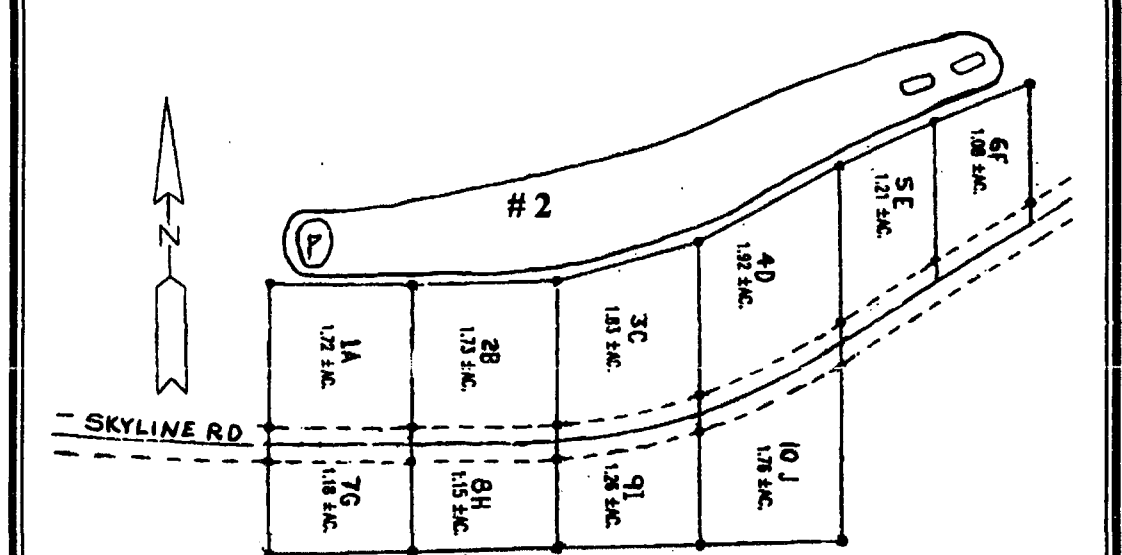
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3. Employment

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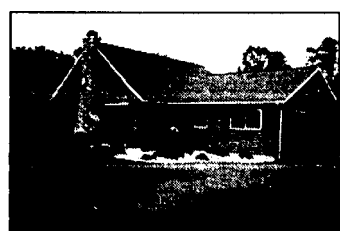
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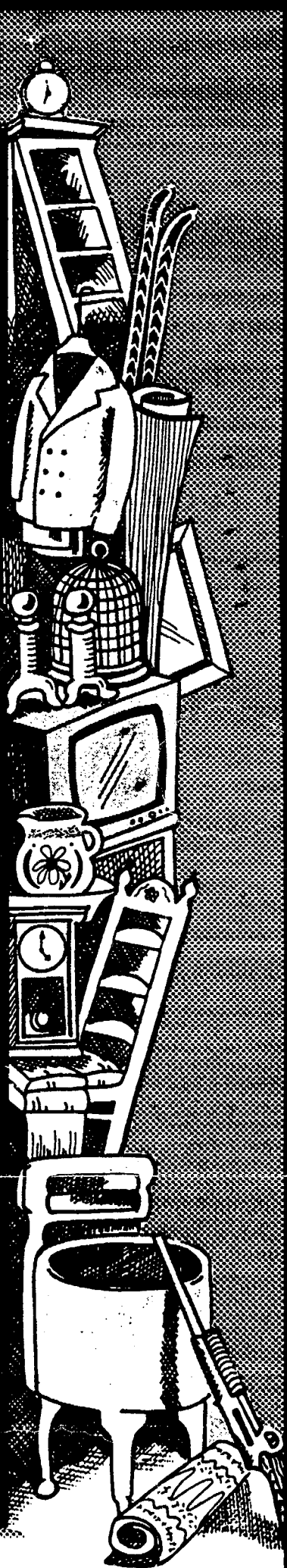
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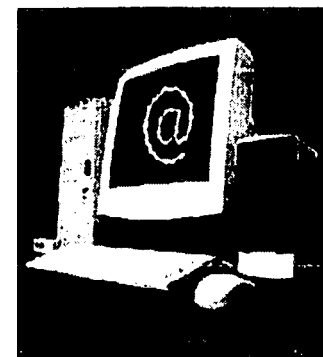
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THE CLASS OF 1979 will be holding their 20 year reunion on August 14, 1999. A golf outing will be held during the day followed by dinner and entertainment at Camp Grayling Officers Club. Any address corrections or information may be directed to Cathy Czuba (517) 348-8627. (-15/8)

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9. Personals

FRIENDS OF JOE COLLEN Joe has arrived in Singapore as of July 11th. The laws are very strict in Singapore; they all get briefed before they leave the ship on all the laws. It's very hot there and is drinking about five gallons of water everyday. Joe's roommate plans to be home the month of December, I'll keep you updated on when Joe plans to be home. (-15/9)

**Happy
Birthday
DAD**

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Love, Joe & Jason

If you see
Nicole Rice on the 13th
wish her a
Happy 21st Birthday



Love - Dad, Mom,
Jamey, Tanya & Bob

10. Garage Sales

INSIDE SALE 1974 Dodge work van. 1968 Ford pickup, runs well. Miscellaneous, clothes, household, stereo cabinet with record collection. Office furniture 60 like new. Fold up metal chairs next to Dial A Ride. 42960 North Down River Road. See signs. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 9-5. (-15/10)

7225 BATTERSON ROAD We put more stuff out, grab bag clothes \$2 a bag. Also four piece living room set. We make up license plates. Sale Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun., 10-6, everything must go. (-15/10)

GARAGE SALE at corner of Erie St. and Michigan Ave. This Friday and Saturday at 10 a.m. Bar stools, lots of baby clothes and older. Plenty of miscellaneous items. (-15/10)

YARD SALE July 17 and 18, 9-3, 1000 Ogema St., Grayling. (-15/10)

10. Garage Sales

2424 MARSHALL in Karen Woods. Lots of baby items. Men's and women's clothing. Children's clothing, boys and girls USA. Darton Viper box and case plus etc. and plenty of miscellaneous Fri., Sat., and Sun., 10-5. (-15/10)

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SILENT AUCTION at the Frederic Fire Hall Saturday, 17th from noon-5 p.m. Items to include 24' extension ladder, 14' ladder, fire boots, old hose, etc. etc. (-15/10)

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, 15-17, 9-5. Something for everyone. 202 North Park Subdivision, off Roberts Road. 1/2 HP water pump, complete outside door with storm. Cottage type small three burner gas stove with oven. Antiques and collectibles. Many household items. Furniture, bedding, etc. (-15/10)

GARAGE SALE 705 Ogema St., Friday and Saturday, 16th and 17th, 11-? Clothes, mens, womens and boys. 4T and under. Car seats, stroller, toys and miscellaneous. Treadmill and home gym \$200 each. Queen size mattress and box springs \$75. (-15/10)

YARD SALE July 16-17-18. 5953 Suzanne Ave. North to Military Rd. to blinking light, left two blocks. Left, first house on right. Satellite dish, two TV antennas plus small appliance, crocheted doilies, dolls plus a little clothing. (-15/10)

CRAFTS FOR ALL AGES. Great for Christmas. 107 Woodleaf, Karen Woods. Thursday-Saturday. (-15/10)

YARD SALE Two Family Yard and Moving Sale. 2633 E. M-72 Friday, Saturday, Sunday. (-15/10)

YARD SALE Saturday, July 17, 9-4. 110 Madsen. Bows, fishing equip., tools, baby crib, clothes, lots of miscellaneous. (-15/10)

8086 COLLEN AVENUE Friday, 8:30-noon; Saturday, 8-4; Sunday 8-4. (-15/10)

505 ERIE STREET this Friday, 1-5, Saturday, Sunday, 9-5. Baby clothes, some furniture, books, adult clothing, lawn mower, many odds and ends. (-15/10)

10. Garage Sales

MOVING SALE July 15, 16 and 17. 8:30-6. 4882 Wilderness Trail, M-72 to Staley Lake Rd., right to Wilderness Trail, left or I-75 S. to exit 251 (Four Mile Rd., left to end of pavement, left on Staley Lake to Wilderness, right. Ski machine, bedroom set, five horse upright air compressor, chain saws, some fishing includes ice fishing sled with windbreak, large stereo speakers with receiver, heavy duty car ramps, assorted baskets, books, garage refrig., solid oak bar stools, men's size large, women's size large and extra large. Much more! No Early Sales. (-15/10)

GARAGE SALE 204 Chestnut St., July 15-16, 9-5 p.m. (-15/10)

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